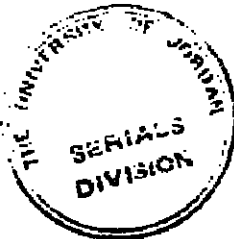


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## Condemn alliance of devils, Kuwait urges UN

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 11, (Agencies): Kuwait has urged the General Assembly to condemn the military and technical co-operation between Israel and South Africa.

The statement by Kuwaiti Ambassador Mohamed A. Abdulhassan came at the 159-member world body's annual debate on apartheid.

Kuwait also introduced the report of the inter-governmental group to monitor the supply and shipping of petroleum products to South Africa.

Nabeela Al Mulla, who introduced the document as vice chairman of the group, said it is gratifying

that more states appreciated the importance of the oil embargo.

"Sufficient co-operation and effective co-ordination among oil-producing, shipping and handling states could deprive the apartheid regime of the only basic commodity that it lacks and for which a substitute cannot be found."

Abulhassan, in his address to the assembly, also discussed the embargo issue, calling on all states to join Kuwait in strictly complying with the oil embargo against South Africa, including petroleum bi-products.

"The Arab states have pioneered the call for that embargo and Opec has played a pioneering role in strengthening the embargo," Abulhassan said.

With regard to the military and technical co-operation between Israel and South Africa, Abulhassan criticised the weak response by the international community which he warned would only lead to a continuation of "their satanic activities."

The two countries have also collaborated on the technology for the Levi bomber while South Africa has employed 75 Israeli technicians to work on this project, he said.

Further, he said, the two countries have collaborated on a missile similar to the Jericho II which has been tested from a site in South Africa and the two have jointly developed another long-range missile.

A fighter plane developed by South Africa is "the spitting image of the Israeli Kfir fighter," Abulhassan told the assembly.

"Both countries have a great deal in common in their oppression of the people of South Africa and Palestine respectively," Abulhassan said.



Still powerful

China's top leader Deng Xiaoping resigned as chairman of the all-powerful Central Military Commission, the nation's highest military post China News Service said that the Fifth Plenum of the Chinese Communist Party had accepted Deng's resignation. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Diehard Zhivkov resigns

SOFIA, Nov 10, (AP): Communist Party leader Todor Zhivkov today stepped down after 34 years in power, longer than any Eastern European leader, in the latest upheaval to rock the East bloc.

Zhivkov also resigned from the ruling Politburo, and the party's policy-setting Central Committee proposed he be relieved of his post as a state president, the official BTA news agency said.

BTA said Zhivkov, who molded Bulgaria into one of the Kremlin's most loyal modern allies, was replaced by Foreign Minister Peter Mladenov.

Mladenov, 53, has been foreign minister since 1971 and is considered more open to reform than Zhivkov.

The changes occurred at a Central Committee meeting called to discuss various proposed changes.

Zhivkov, 78, gained ultimate power as Communist Party chief in 1954 with the backing of Bulgarian supporters of Josef Stalin, the Soviet dictator. Two years later he sided with Nikita S. Khrushchev, Stalin's successor and ideological foe.

"Dogmatic and conservative by temperament and training, Zhivkov displayed surprising ability in smoothing over party dissent to emerge with his leadership strengthened."

## 15 perish in Lesotho crash

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 10, (Reuters): A military aircraft crashed in mountainous terrain in the southern African kingdom of Lesotho today, killing all 15 people aboard, the South African Press Association reported.

The Spanish 212 Casa aircraft of the Royal Lesotho Defence Force crashed shortly after taking off from an airport in the southern Quthusane district, the news agency quoted a Lesotho government spokesman as saying.

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## Berlin Wall is falling down

Thousands of E. Germans cross

BERLIN, Nov 10, (Agencies): East Germany announced today it was forever lifting all travel restrictions on its citizens, and West German officials later said a new passage through the Berlin Wall had opened and part of it would be torn down.

Tens of thousands of East Germans earlier streamed into West Berlin and parts of West Germany after a night of celebrating the opening of the Berlin Wall and other borders for the first time since the Berlin Wall was built in 1961.

The wall has been the symbol of East-West division since 1961.

East German Interior Minister Friedrich Dickel told East German

television the new travel policy is "permanent and will be the foundation of a new travel law."

Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, later told a crowd of about 20,000 people outside West Berlin's city hall that new border crossings, some through the wall, would open in the next few days.

Genscher said a portion of the Berlin Wall at the famous Potsdamer Platz would be torn down over the weekend. At times, his voice was drowned out by cheers from the crowd.

West Berlin government spokesman Werner Kolhof said the number of extra crossings would be nine.



Crossing the border

A family from East Berlin use bicycles to cross the border into West Berlin at the Sandkrug bridge.

Elated East Germans flocked by the thousands without visas to West Berlin. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Bases will ensure US aid

Bush links issues: Cory silent

WASHINGTON, Nov 10, (AP): President George Bush declared at a state dinner for Philippine President Corason Aquino that renewal of a US bases agreement will ensure continued American support for aid to her country.

"We want to help the Philippines strengthen its democracy and continue its economic recovery, and we've offered our belief that a new long-term security agreement will enhance our mutual security," Bush said in a toast to the visiting leader last night.

He added, "A new agreement will preserve bipartisan support for this continued economic and military aid."

Mrs Aquino, under intense political pressure at home, remained silent on the issue yesterday, refusing even to say privately whether she supports a continued US military presence in her country.

The United States and the Philippines are scheduled to open talks in December on a treaty to extend US access to Clark Air Base and Subic Bay

Naval Base beyond September 1991, when the current leases expire.

The uncertainty over US base rights has shadowed Mrs Aquino on her visit even as Bush gave her the same enthusiastic reception she received three years ago in Washington after leading the campaign to depose Ferdinand Marcos.

The Bush administration has pledged itself to seeking \$1 billion from Democrats and Republicans in the US Congress

## Sikhs mow down pupils

By Sonny Abraham  
Arab Times correspondent

NEW DELHI, Nov 10: Terrorists wielding AK-47 rifles mowed down 19 students at a college hostel in a pre-dawn attack in Patiala town of Punjab today.

The six terrorists opened fire indiscriminately in two rooms after forcing the doors open, killing the victims in their sleep. Six other students were injured, reports reaching here said.

All the victims had gone to Patiala to take part in an inter-college cultural festival. Ten of those who died were students of the Kanpur Engineering College in Uttar Pradesh while the other nine were from the Kurukshetra Engineering College in Haryana.

The terrorists, who reached the hostel in a car, first forced their way into the campus by breaking open the main gates.

They then forced the watchman at gunpoint to open the gate of the hostel before storming into the rooms.

One of the injured students said the whole incident lasted only 30 seconds, and many of the inmates thought crackers were being burst. Some of them responded to knocks on their doors only to be greeted by a hail of bullets.

Students who survived the attack said screams rent the air and that blood was spattered all over.

While the bodies of the students from Kurukshetra were sent to that town, a special aircraft was being arranged to carry the bodies of the victims from Kanpur to their homes.

There was widespread condemnation of the incident and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said it should strengthen the resolve of the people to fight terrorism.

Punjab Governor S.S. Ray was amongst those who rushed to the scene of the dastardly crime.

Seventeen of the victims had been identified so far. College in Chandigarh, the capital of Punjab, and many other towns closed down today in protest against the attack.

The Punjab government announced ex-gratia payments of rupees one lakh to the families of each of the victims, a five-fold increase in the amount paid as compensation usually.

## Man arrested for threatening Bush

LOS ANGELES, Nov 10, (Reuters): A man was arrested in Los Angeles last night and charged with threatening to kill President George Bush.

Agents of the US Secret Service, which protects the President, said they asked police to arrest the man in the suburb of Glendale after he telephoned the White House.

Agents said the caller, who was not identified, threatened Bush and gave his name and address.



A Hindu priest standing amidst paramilitary police in Ayodhya, where Hindus laid the foundation of the temple on a plot after the dispute site was guarded by police. (Reuter wirephoto)



Hindu hardliners dig up a plot beside the disputed Babri mosque to prepare for a proposed temple dedicated to Ram in Ayodhya. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Hindus happy over temple

1,000 Muslims held

FAIZABAD, India, Nov 10, (Agencies): Authorities arrested about 1,000 Muslims today when they tried to march to the nearby town of Ayodhya, where triumphal Hindus celebrated the building of a new temple on a site claimed by both religions.

The Muslim protest was peaceful, but one of its leaders who was arrested, Zafaryab Jilani, warned: "When all these methods fail, arms are taken up. The next generation may not listen to peaceful protest."

At least 290 people have been killed in Hindu-Muslim violence in three Indian states since August, when plans for the new temple were announced. So far the violence has not spread to Ayodhya and Faizabad, 330 miles southeast of the capital New Delhi.

The demonstrators in Faizabad accused Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and his Congress Party of siding with Hindu fundamentalists in a bid for votes from the Hindu majority in national elections less than two weeks away.

"If this ruling Congress Party is ousted from power, perhaps secular government can be saved," said Jilani, a senior leader of the All India Babri Masjid action committee.

Babri Masjid, or the mosque of Babar, was built in the 17th century in Ayodhya on the spot where Hindu fundamentalists claim one of their most popular gods, Lord Ram, was born.

About 90 minutes after the Muslims were arrested in Faizabad, a frenzied mob of Hindu worshippers celebrated the placing of the foundation stone of a new temple to Ram about 120 feet (36 metres) from the Babri Masjid. They flung marigold petals into a 6-foot (2-metre) hole, where their leaders reverently placed a pile of bricks and a cornerstone.

Police wearing helmets and chest protectors struggled to keep from falling into the pit as at

least 5,000 pilgrims pushed into the small hilltop enclave in less than an hour.

The Hindu-Muslim dispute over the Ayodhya hilltop is centuries old, but the current furor centres on who owns the land where the foundation is being laid for a new Hindu temple. Hindus and Muslims had agreed that one tiny plot that was to hold the foundation stone was owned by a Hindu.

The rest of the land needed to complete the new Ram temple is disputed.

While the Muslims opposed the construction of the new temple, they agreed they could not prevent its foundation stone from being placed on the little plot owned by a Hindu.

So far the courts in Uttar Pradesh state, where the government is headed by Gandhi's Congress Party, have declined to rule who actually owns the property.

The demonstrators in Faizabad vowed today to turn the Muslim votes away from Rajiv in national elections scheduled Nov 22, 24 and 26.

"After today, Muslims will not vote for Congress," said Mohammad Azam Khan, an Uttar Pradesh state legislator from the opposition Janata Party, or people's party.

Rajiv said yesterday a vote for the opposition alliance was a vote to dismember India.

In a hard-hitting speech before 300,000 people on a beach outside Madras, Rajiv criticised the election manifesto of the opposition national front for promising "genuine autonomy" for India's 25 states.

"Central services, like the Indian Administrative Services which keep the country united, would be gone. Each state would go its way and states which are poor would have no one to turn to for help," Rajiv said.

"If they can't get help from Delhi, they would turn elsewhere," he added.



Hussein addresses a press conference.

## Brotherhood sweeps in Jordan elections

AMMAN, Nov 10, (Agencies): King Hussein said today he will summon Jordan's new 80-man Parliament this month, and played down talk of a threat from the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood that gained the largest bloc of votes.

In a 90-minute news conference, the King repeatedly expressed pride in Wednesday's election, one of the freest ever seen in the Arab world. He indicated that political parties would soon be legalized.

"We have a new Parliament and we have a new reality, and we'll be dealing with it accordingly," said the King, who noted that legislation would vote on the cabinet he is about to appoint. He declined to say if it would include fundamen-

talist representatives. Fundamentalists who call for stricter Islamic laws and a harder line toward Israel scored a major victory in the election, far outdistancing all other blocs of the left and right.

In several districts, Muslim Brotherhood candidates gained double the votes of powerful tribal leaders or well-known government officials.

Brotherhood members won 25 seats and those of other recognised Islamic factions won three. Independent candidates won at least six seats. That will give them tremendous power to push for their policies in a legislature otherwise fragmented between a variety of leftists, government loyal-

ists and tribal leaders. The government can block bills it does not like in the Senate appointed by the King — which cannot initiate laws — or by royal veto. But it depends upon support in Parliament to pass its own legislation.

The Islamists have denied any plans for an Islamic revolution, and Hussein referred to the fact that he had allowed the Muslim Brotherhood to operate openly despite banning all parties in 1957.

"This country in particular had throughout the history of this movement permitted the Muslim brothers... to exist, protected it when it was persecuted elsewhere," Hussein said.

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INTERNATIONAL

# Protesters demand closure of US bases

## Irish priest stoned in Manila

MANILA, Nov 10, (AP): Club-wielding police today disrupted a protest against US military bases, while pro-base groups stoned and cursed an Irish priest who spoke against the facilities at a hearing near the Subic Bay naval base.

Police were standing by as about 100 militant workers rallied in front of the US embassy to demand the six bases be closed, when some 500 marchers led by the League of Filipino Students arrived to join the protest.

Police arrested Nathaniel Santiago, leader of the student group, which began hurling stones. Police fired warning shots in the air and

charged the group, scattering them.

At least one news photographer and one police officer were injured by stones. Protesters carried placards denouncing President Corason Aquino's meeting yesterday in Washington with President George Bush.

"President Aquino's meeting with Bush is a sign of her treacherous selling of her country's sovereignty in exchange for the bases," said union official Philip Hernandez.

In Olongapo, home of the US-run Subic Bay naval base, thousands

## Filipino rebels on rampage

### Prosecutor killed

MANILA, Nov 10, (AP): Gunmen killed a state prosecutor Thursday, and other unidentified men hurled a grenade that killed three people and wounded four others in Manila, police said.

Witnesses said two men on a motorcycle gunned down state prosecutor Francisco Tan as he stopped at a car repair shop in Manila's San Andres district.

Police investigators said the attackers and one lookout fled after the shooting. Tan's wife, Dolores, said she doubted communist rebels were involved.

In Manila's Taguig suburb, a grenade blast killed three people and wounded four others Wednesday, police said.

No arrests have been made in either incident.

On Wednesday, suspected Muslim rebels attacked a convoy of Austrian engineers outside Marawi City, 890 kms (510 miles) southeast of Manila, and killed two of them, the military said. At least three other Austrians and two Filipinos were wounded.

The same day, communist rebels fighting a separate insurgency killed a civilian and the deputy provincial military commander of Mindoro oriental province, the military said. They said six people were wounded in that attack.

Hospital sources said at least two Filipinos, including a driver and a military escort, and an Iranian employee of the Austrians' firm also were wounded in the attack in Lanao Del Norte province, a few miles north of Marawi and 510 miles (890 kms) south of Manila.

## Copter crashes

MANILA, Nov 10, (AP): A Philippine military helicopter crashed today off Samar Island, killing two soldiers and an aide of Sen. Alberto Romulo, the senator's office reported.

Sen. Romulo, nephew of former foreign minister Carlos Romulo, had planned to be aboard the helicopter but at the last moment switched to another military aircraft.

Hernan Masangkay, Romulo's chief of staff said the helicopter crashed into Mouloung Bay near Catbalogan.

He said three people on board, including the military pilot, a soldier and an aide of the senator, died from drowning or injuries caused by the crash. Eight others on board swam to safety.

of residents turned out today to show support for maintaining the bases after their lease expires in September 1991.

The demonstration took place as two senate committees held a joint hearing in Olongapo, 80 kilometres (50 miles) west of Manila, on the future of the bases.

US and Filipino negotiators are expected to begin talks in Manila next month on extending the lease. Any agreement must be approved by two-thirds of the 23-member senate, where opposition is strong.

During the hearing, the Rev. Shay Cullen, a Columbian priest and outspoken bases critic, argued for closing the installations. As he left the hotel where the hearings were held, some of the 2,000 bases supporters massed outside threw stones and surrounded him, cursing him for his views.

One woman tried to hit him with a pro-base placard but missed.

"You are not a Filipino, go home," several shouted at the priest, a longtime resident of the Philippines and chairman of a local anti-drug organisation.

Rev. Cullen retreated to the hotel and left under police escort. Protesters struck his car as he was driven away. About 300 pro-base protesters followed him home but did not try to force their way inside.

"We welcome this demonstration as a showcase of what kind of mentality the people of Olongapo have, as a result of the Subic naval base here," Rev. Cullen said. "Obviously, residents here were aroused by false propaganda."

Friday's demonstration began because of rumours that bases opponents would stage a protest rally. Olongapo, with a population of about 50,000, depends on Subic Bay for its economic livelihood.

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Grinning, cheering

Prince Charles learned the medicinal value of cow galls, deer tails and reindeer antlers during a tour of a traditional Chinese pharmacy today as he concluded his official visit to Hong Kong.

Chiu Kwong Lee, 75, explained to the prince that the galls were good for inflammatory conditions.

Chiu then produced a deer antler, which he claimed promotes sexual virility and strengthens heart muscles.

Charles made no comment other than to ask the price of the deer tails, which he was told sold for 2,000 Hong Kong

dollars (\$256) each.

The prince tasted a sliver of red Korean ginseng, which is said to help cure fatigue and hangovers. He then drank a tiny cup of an herbal laxative mixture offered by Chiu.

Charles will remain in the British colony until Sunday, although his official visit concluded today. His wife, Princess Diana, returned to London late yesterday.

Picture shows Di walk by police officers during a police trainee drill Nov 9. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Swimsuit Di pics hot stuff

HONG KONG, Nov 10, (UPI): Spy photographs of Princess Diana in a bathing suit added spice yesterday to a run-of-the-mill visit by Prince Charles and his wife to Britain's last major colony in Asia.

The unauthorised photos of Diana in a modest, one-piece bathing suit in a rooftop swimming pool at HMS Tamar, the British military headquarters in Hong Kong, were not revealing but apparently sparked a frenzy among the British tabloid press covering the royal visit.

A local press report said the publication of the four pictures Wednesday afternoon in the Chinese-language Sing Tao Pao newspaper triggered a bidding war among the sensationalist British press for exclusive rights.

The South China Morning Post reported the London tabloid "The Star" was the top bidder at the equivalent \$40,000.

The photos, which showed Diana in a swimming pool wearing a red one-piece suit and strolling around the pool wrapped in a white towel, were allegedly taken from a nearby high-rise building.

"Personally, I don't think the pictures were worth the money," a government spokesperson said. "They were nothing out of the ordinary."

Both the Hong Kong government and the royal party refused to comment officially on the incident, so far the only controversial aspect of a three-day visit to the British colony by the royal couple.

Charles and Diana's trip to the British colony, which reverts to Chinese control in 1997, has been dominated by ceremonies opening buildings and public works.

Their arrival Tuesday followed a five-day visit to Indonesia, a last-minute substitute for scheduled trip to China which was shelved after the harsh suppression of pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing.

## Bush links bases, aid

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over five years as part of a Philippine assistance programme, sponsored by the United States, Japan, Australia, and several European countries.

The programme aims to contribute \$10 billion to the Philippines, which is staggering under a \$28 billion debt.

Beyond that, Bush is seeking \$481 million over two years for an aid package linked with the bases agreement.

"Your leadership has made the Philippines a beacon of democracy, worth of imitation

throughout the world," Bush told Mrs Aquino earlier in the day at a rain-plattered arrival ceremony of the White House lawn.

"From main street to Wall Street, America loves the Philippines. And America loves Cory Aquino," he added.

"You deserve our help and you will get it. I pledge our continuing assistance to your government, and that means security assistance as well as aid to economic development," Bush said.

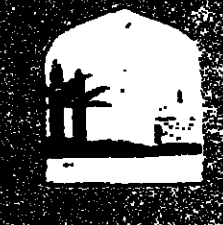
"And it means co-operating in your important debt-reduction

programmes."

In his only reference to the bases, Bush noted that negotiations will begin next month and said, "We are confident we'll mold a new and mutually beneficial long-term security partnership in the future."

In his toast at the state dinner in Mrs Aquino's honour, Bush lauded her "monumental" accomplishments and said her country's revolution had inspired "freedom-loving people everywhere."

Bush and Mrs Aquino met privately early yesterday.



### Kuwait Municipality

#### The Organizing Committee for the Celebration of the Public Cleanliness Week

Kuwait Municipality is currently preparing to hold the Public Cleanliness Week during the period from Saturday, Nov 25 to Wednesday, Nov 29. The municipality would like to utilise this opportunity to extend its thanks and gratitude to all those who contributed to the success of the previous cleanliness week.

The municipality is also pleased to invite the public, companies and establishments to contribute and co-operate with them in holding the Cleanliness Week. It is to be held under the banner "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

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INTERNATIONAL

## Attempt to cross the Pacific in a balloon

SANTA MONICA, Calif., Nov. 10. (Reuters): British tycoon Richard Branson unveiled details yesterday of his historic attempt to cross the Pacific Ocean in the world's largest hot-air balloon.

The entrepreneurial adventurer said he was not scared but "determined to enjoy the experience."

The founder of Virgin Records and Virgin Atlantic Airways intends to take off from Japan later this month and land three-to-five days and over 6,000 miles (9,655 km) later in California.

His attempt to fly a balloon across the Atlantic from West to East in 1987 ended when he was forced to ditch in the Irish Sea in sight of land.

If successful in his new venture, it would be the first trans-Pacific crossing in a hot-air balloon and a world distance record.

"It will be a great personal adventure, one of the last great adventures of its kind," Branson said at a news conference in Santa Monica's Museum of Flying.

The flight is also intended to promote environmental conservation and Branson announced several tie-ins with environmental groups, including a plan to plant a tree in California for every mile flown.

The balloon, whose design had been a closely-guarded secret, is nearly 200 feet (60 metres) high and consists of seven miles (11 km) of a special fabric that absorbs heat from the sun.

Branson, 39, and his co-balloonist, Per Lindstrand, 41, will travel in a cramped, pressurized cabin in seats designed to prevent both of them falling asleep at the same time.

A Virgin spokeswoman said she expected takeoff to be around Nov 20 from Miyakonojima in southern Japan.

The balloonists plan to ascend to about 35,000 feet (10,660 metres) to catch the powerful jet stream winds that will propel them at speeds of up to 210 miles (338 km) per hour across the Pacific. If all goes according to plan, they will land in southern California's Mojave Desert.

Australian Gaby Kennard landed in Sydney today, completing a solo flight around the world in 99 days in a single engine aircraft.

"I'm glad to be back and I'm really overwhelmed," Kennard, the first Australian woman to undertake the epic trip, said after crashing down at the suburban Bankstown airport.

## Beatles settle with EMI

LONDON, Nov 10. (Reuters): Former members of the Beatles pop group have settled long-running multi-million-dollar lawsuits against their record company, EMI music worldwide, a company spokesman said yesterday.

The out-of-court settlement could lead to the release of unused recordings from the British group's heyday in 1962-67, music industry sources said.

Three Beatles — Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr — and Yoko Ono, the widow of John Lennon, had been fighting for 10 years over royalty payments involving claims totalling up to \$80 million. The Beatles' marketing and record production company Apple also settled with EMI.

An EMI spokeswoman said part of the agreement was that neither party should announce any details.

The Beatles recordings are a unique legacy in the history of popular music... we are most delighted to have resolved all the differences which arose between us in recent years," a company statement said.

Apple filed its first suit against EMI and its US arm Capitol records over royalty payments in 1979.

The Beatles broke up in 1970. Ten years later Lennon was murdered in New York.

# US quake focuses attention on Egypt's shifting earth

CAIRO, Egypt, Nov 10. (AP): Earthquakes toppled some of Egypt's most impressive ancient structures and concerns have developed that a quake could threaten the Aswan high Dam, the country's most famous modern structure.

If the dam breaks, an estimated 14.7 billion cubic feet (420 million cubic metres) of water could sweep through the Nile river valley towards the Mediterranean Sea. It would take with it much of Egypt's civilisation, ancient and modern.

Geologists R. M. Kebeasy, Egypt's leading expert on the dam, said he's

received many inquiries since a quake hit the US state of California on Oct 17, killing at least 63 people. Kebeasy said people want to know if the dam is safe.

"My answer is 'yes', but we're leaving nothing to chance," he said. "We're monitoring seismic activity in the area 24 hours a day, and we have been for years."

Kebeasy said tests indicate that even if an earthquake measuring 7 on the Richter scale was centred directly under the day, the structure wouldn't collapse.

The quake in the San Francisco area of California measured 7.1 on the open-

ended scale. The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion as recorded on seismographs, and every increase of one number means a tenfold increase in magnitude.

Large parts of Egypt lie along Africa's Rift Valley, an area extending northward from Mozambique that geologists say covers one of the largest fault zones in the world. Geologists say two plates, or levels of earth under the crust, are splitting apart in the Rift Valley.

Although the Aswan area is not in the Rift Valley, concerns have developed over stability there.

When Aswan was chosen for the dam, scientists and its designers were satisfied the area in southeastern Egypt was stable, able to support both the dam's immense weight and the water trapped behind it.

Despite frequent tremors in thousands of small quakes, earthquakes caused little concern until Nov 14, 1981. On that day a quake measuring 5.6 on the Richter scale and after-shocks jostled the town of Aswan, eight miles (13 kilometres) from the dam.

The tremor also sent trepidation through the Nile's 740-mile (1,185-kilometre) track from Aswan to Alex-

andria. "From that moment, we became very concerned," Kebeasy said.

The \$1.5-billion Aswan high Dam was completed in 1971 after 11 years of work. Soviet engineers fashioned it of 56.2 million cubic yards (42.7 billion cubic metres) of concrete blocks and sand extending more than two miles (three kilometres) across the Nile, half a mile (one kilometre) wide and 333 feet (101 metres) tall.

Stretching for 310 miles (500 kilometres) behind it is Lake Nasser, one of the world's largest man-made lakes. It is up to six miles (10 kilometres)

wide and up to 604 feet (183 metres) deep.

Kebeasy, president of Egypt's National Research Institute of Astronomy and Geophysics, said the mixture of dirtfill and concrete makes the dam resilient and earthquake-resistant.

But evidence that large parts of Cairo could be inundated within three days of a major high dam breach led to scientific and political pressure for monitoring Lake Nasser.

The United States equipped the first earthquake monitoring centre at Aswan, and the dam has been monitored since 1982.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida: A thief who left behind a wallet with cash and a pair of valuable amplifiers in a van made off with four silent witnesses: Ventriloquist's dummies.

Sam Lamerson, the pastor of Westside Baptist church and an entertainer, said Tuesday he found his vehicle had been broken into and gone were hand-carved wooden Steadley, Ebenezer the Greco, All, the faithful hunting dog, and Renee the Rabbit.

Lamerson, who performs as a juggler, magician and ventriloquist at nightclubs, trade shows and birthday parties about 30 times a month as one of the Zucchini Brothers, said he is heartbroken. (AP)

CLAREMORE, Oklahoma: James Brady, crippled in the 1981 assassination attempt on his then-boss Ronald Reagan, was honoured for his work ever since on behalf of the disabled.

The former White House press secretary got an award from the Will Rogers Commission, in part because of his recovery from the head injury.

"God did it. I didn't do it," Brady said Sunday, when he was guest of honour at a parade. (AP)

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida: Florida's second annual alligator hunt netted nearly 130 more alligators than the first season and officials expect healthy catches for years to come.

During the month-long hunt in September, 222 licensed hunters caught 3,117 gators, including a 13-foot-6 (4.1-metre) monster bagged on the north side of Lake Okechobee and one weighing 685 pounds (310.7 kilograms) from a lake near Ocala.

The catch represents about 91 percent of the quota and compares with 2,988 caught in 1988, the first state-sanctioned alligator hunt in 26 years. (AP)

CROTON FALLS, New York: A busy highway was covered with four flavours of yogurt after a delivery truck slammed into a tractor-trailer in a fog.

Hundreds of cartons spilled onto the highway early Wednesday and broke, closing the major commuting route in New York City's northern suburbs for five hours. Firefighters washed the sticky substance from the road just before rush hour.

"We were knee deep in yogurt," said fire chief Chris Rickles. (AP)

RIDGEFIELD, Connecticut: A wall mural of the late guitarist Jimi Hendrix at a high school will not be whitewashed away despite a petition by some students who object to the rock star's drug lifestyle.

"I hesitate to accept that Jimi Hendrix's life and work can or should be condensed into 'he is a symbol of drug abuse,'" Ridgefield high school principal Elaine Besette said Monday.

Jonathan Falkner, the student who started the petition drive, said he was disappointed with the decision but added that more students wanted the mural than didn't. He had said it was hypocritical to display a symbol of the drug culture in school, and collected nearly 100 signatures. (AP)



Picassos recovered

A collection of masterpieces stolen from Pablo Picasso's granddaughter has been found in a French restaurant-owner's home in southern France, judicial sources said yesterday.

They said restaurateur Fernand Laugier, who lives near Toulon, would be charged with receiving stolen goods from Serge Clouzeau and Daniel Jaguin, two guards who formerly worked for Marina Picasso. Marina's secluded villa in Cannes was stripped on Sunday of paintings worth up to \$20 million, including seven works by her grandfather, a painting by Henri Matisse and one by 16th century master Peter Breughel. Suspicion immediately fell on the two employees, as Marina's guard dogs were locked up and the electric alarm was out of order when the robbery took place. Picture shows Cluzot in handcuffs. (Reuters wirephoto)

MONTREAL, Canada: You name it, Donald Sutherland, has had it. Polio, rheumatic fever, hepatitis, an appendectomy, pneumonia, scarlet fever.

"And spinal meningitis," the actor said. "I died."

A reporter chuckled. Sutherland looked perturbed.

"Yes, I died. For four or five seconds," he said. Sutherland overcame the bout of meningitis, and said his experience with disease since childhood left him with a deep appreciation of the medical profession.

He is the 1989 honorary fundraising chairman of the Montreal Children's Hospital, which hopes to raise \$1 million this year to pay for renovations and new equipment.

NEW YORK: Vladimir Horowitz, the internationally acclaimed pianist who died on Sunday at age 85, left an \$8 million estate, most going to his widow, Wanda. Tenebris Horowitz, according to a will filed in a New York Court on Thursday.

But \$300,000 was given to the Julliard School of Music in New York to establish a piano scholarship fund and \$200,000 went to a longtime employee, Glafira Lopes. (Reuters)

## Bail denied for fear of fleeing

## US court refuses to free Bakker

RICHMOND, Virginia, Nov 10. (AP): A federal appeals court Wednesday refused to free television evangelist Jim Bakker on bail while he appeals his 45-year prison sentence.

A three-judge panel of the 4th US circuit court of appeals upheld a judge's finding that Bakker should

remain jailed because he might flee.

The court said it found no reason to reject prosecution evidence that many of Bakker's followers are prepared to "do anything for him."

The court also said Bakker had shown little grounds for a successful appeal.

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## Why she did it? Kitty Dukakis convalescing

BOSTON, Nov 10. (AP): Kitty Dukakis remained hospitalized yesterday recovering from the effects of drinking rubbing alcohol, but Governor Michael Dukakis refused to speculate on why she did it.

Kitty was taken to the hospital by ambulance after experiencing a "severe reaction" to drinking the isopropyl alcohol Monday night, her doctor said.

Dukakis, who returned to work yesterday after two days by his wife's side, read a statement saying he would stand by her and then refused to answer questions.

"Kitty has been through a number of trying moments in her life," he said. "But she's a strong and tough and loving person, and I have a great faith in her and her ability to rebound. I love Kitty. I'm going to stand by her, just as she's always stood by me. We're in this thing together."

Dukakis alluded to the strain of the past year, which began with his defeat as Democratic presidential candidate almost exactly a year ago.

"This has been a very difficult week for Kitty and for me and for

our family. And it's been a difficult year," he said. "Many families have troubles like this. Those of you who do know that you do your best to provide love and support."

Kitty was treated for alcoholism earlier this year, and has previously admitted to a 26-year addiction to diet pills. She has been lauded for her candour about her chemical dependency and her efforts at recovery.

Several alcohol and drug abuse experts said recovering alcoholics will drink anything containing alcohol if liquor isn't available when the craving hits.

She had been asleep for several hours when the governor returned home Monday night, said Dukakis' press secretary, Mindy Lubber. Dukakis woke his wife when she received a phone call, it was upon awakening that Kitty said she felt groggy and sick, Lubber said.

Gerald Plotkin, the Dukakis family physician, said Kitty had been taking anti-depressants prescribed by her psychiatrist, but tests indicated no other drugs or alcoholic beverages were involved in her current illness.

## 'Who cares about my birthday' Hepburn turns 80

NEW YORK, Nov 10. (AP): "Life is a thief," Katharine Hepburn tells Montgomery Clift in "Suddenly, Last Summer." But life knew better than to steal from Kate the great.

The voice Tallulah Bankhead once likened to "nickels dropping in a slot machine" has grown tremulous with age. But nothing can daunt that special Yankee strength that has seen 80 autumns. Hepburn remains arrogant, bossy and tenacious, principled, passionate and clever. Her viperish wit slices and dices. No, don't mess with Kate.

"I think I'm very irritating to some people," she once said. "It fascinates me, though, because I'm so sweet really."

Hepburn celebrated her 80th birthday on Wednesday not quietly at home as some her age would have it, but dashing about New York, visiting ill friends. "She's being a good samaritan," her secretary, Sharon Powers, said.

"Who cares about my birthday?" the actress said recently. "I don't, as long as I can get around and think straight."

## Central Park youth held on new charge

NEW YORK, Nov 10. (UPI): A teenager arrested in the rape and beating last spring of a central park jogger has been arrested in a robbery attempt, police said yesterday.

But because of his age and his expected testimony in the upcoming rape trial, little was made public about 15-year-old Jermaine Robinson's arrest on an attempted robbery charge Monday night in Harlem.

His legal aid lawyer, Elliot Cook, said the incident occurred in a store earlier in the evening.

Cook said Robinson's mother, correction officer Linda White, sent her son to a library near their

home Monday night. When the library was closed, he headed for another nearby library and was picked up by police en route and taken to the precinct, Cook said.

He was issued a desk appearance ticket to show up in family court on Nov 16, Cook said.

Robinson, who was never charged with raping the jogger, is expected to testify he heard several of the six accused rapists "joking and bragging" about their roles in the attack last April 19. The comments came while the youths were locked up together after their arrests.

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# Abortion pill safe: panel

OTTAWA, Nov 10, (Reuters): A medical committee of the International Planned Parenthood Federation today said a French-developed abortion pill be put to worldwide use.

An advance statement obtained by Reuters yesterday said the drug, RU-486, is a major scientific breakthrough with potential life-saving applications for women and criticised political interference that has prevented approval in many countries.

It is already approved for use in France, Britain, China and nine other countries but is not allowed in the United States and elsewhere.

Aside from making abortions safe and less painful, it may one day be used in treating breast and brain cancer, preventing inflammation of the cervix, and could be developed into a ovulation-suppressing contraceptive.

"Extensive research has shown that RU-486 when combined with prostaglandin analogue (birth inducer) is an effective and safe medical approach to the termination of early pregnancy," the panel said.

The panel also said it deplored "the delays in allowing the wider availability of RU-486 ... due to restrictions not based on scientific and medical grounds."

Dr Pramilla Senanayake, medical chief of the World Family Planning Group, criticised anti-abortionists, conservative politicians and religious fundamentalists who she said have threatened boycotts of products made by the French manufacturer if it markets the drug.

# Alzheimer patients in US more than estimated

CHICAGO, Nov 10, (AP): More than one in 10 US citizens over age 65 may have Alzheimer's disease, says a study suggesting that the number of Americans with the devastating illness may be 1.5 million higher than previously estimated.

A study of 3,623 elderly people in east Boston, Massachusetts, revealed that rates of Alzheimer's grew rapidly higher with advancing age, soaring to nearly half of those over age 85, said researchers at Harvard Medical School.

Of people ages 65 to 74, three per cent had "probable" Alzheimer's disease, compared with 18.7 per cent of those 75 to 84 and 47.2 per cent of those over 85.

The study published today in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

All told, 10.3 per cent of those over age 65 had "probable" Alzheimer's disease, the researchers said.

The Harvard study was funded in part by the National Institute on Aging, and its finding prompted the

institute to revise its estimate of how many people in the United States suffer from Alzheimer's — which robs people of their memories and their ability to function — from 2.5 million to four million.

A statement from the institute said the study was important because it studied large numbers of elderly people, including those living in their own homes or with families and those with little or no obvious memory problems.

"As a result, these estimates might lay the groundwork for developing the most accurate picture of Alzheimer's disease in the US population to date," said Dr Zaven Khachaturian, NIA associate director for neuroscience and neuropsychology of aging.

"These findings suggest that the public health impact of Alzheimer's disease will increase with the continuing growth of the oldest population groups in the United States and other developed countries," said the study, led by Dr Dennis Evans, assistant professor of medicine at Harvard.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**DC-10 probe:** Manufacturing defects may have caused the engine failure that let to the crash of a United Airlines DC-10 jetliner in Iowa in July, a US investigator said yesterday.

James Kolstad, acting chairman of the US National Transportation Safety Board, told a congressional hearing that a fan disc from one of the jet's three engines cracked, causing the engine to explode and cutting the hydraulic lines that control the aircraft's steering.

The plane subsequently crashed at Sioux City Airport while attempting an emergency landing, killing 112 passengers and crew. An additional 180 survived. (Reuters)

**New AIDS warning issued:** Concerned that some homosexual men may be relaxing their attitude toward safe sex practices, a US government health agency issued a new warning yesterday that the AIDS rate could begin rising again in homosexual men.

Over the past several months the centres for disease control said it had recorded that homosexual and bisexual men were less likely than in previous years to be diagnosed with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. On the other hand, people who use intravenous drugs were becoming more likely to be diagnosed with the disease. (Reuters)

**Police sweep campus:** Police swept through a university campus yesterday searching for arms and leftist rebels, and guerrillas launched attacks against two campaign offices of the governing party, police said.

Four people were burned Wednesday night when fire gutted a suburban Lima campaign office of the ruling, centre-left Aprista Party. Police said Maoist Shining Path rebels started the blaze by throwing Molotov cocktails.

In Nazca, 235 miles (375 kilometres) southeast of Lima, guerrillas dynamited the Aprista campaign headquarters, the election board office, an army recruiting centre, municipal offices and a bank. (AP)

**Del Prado:** Fernando Del Prado, one of Mexico's leading theatrical producers, died from complications following a suicide attempt, the hospital where he was being treated said.

A medical bulletin by the Los Angeles hospital said Del Prado died last night but gave no further details. The Spanish-born Del Prado shot himself in the head on Tuesday.

Relatives said he was despondent after one of his productions flopped and he was being prosecuted for embezzling \$100,000 from the Association of Theatrical Producers, of which he was treasurer. (AP)

**Woman tries to sell baby:** On the day that New Yorkers celebrated the election of a new mayor, a woman was arrested on Wednesday in the heart of Manhattan for trying to sell her baby for \$100.

The woman was arrested by port authority police who said she tried to sell the 11-day-old infant girl in the city's sprawling 42nd street bus terminal.

Port authority police inspector James Romito said the woman, Geraldine Clay, 31, of Union City, New Jersey, was charged with endangering the welfare of a child and that the baby would be cared for by welfare authorities. (Reuters)

**De Kooning painting sale:** A painting by Willem de Kooning sold for \$20.7 million on Wednesday night at Sotheby's Auction House, a record for a painting by a living artist.

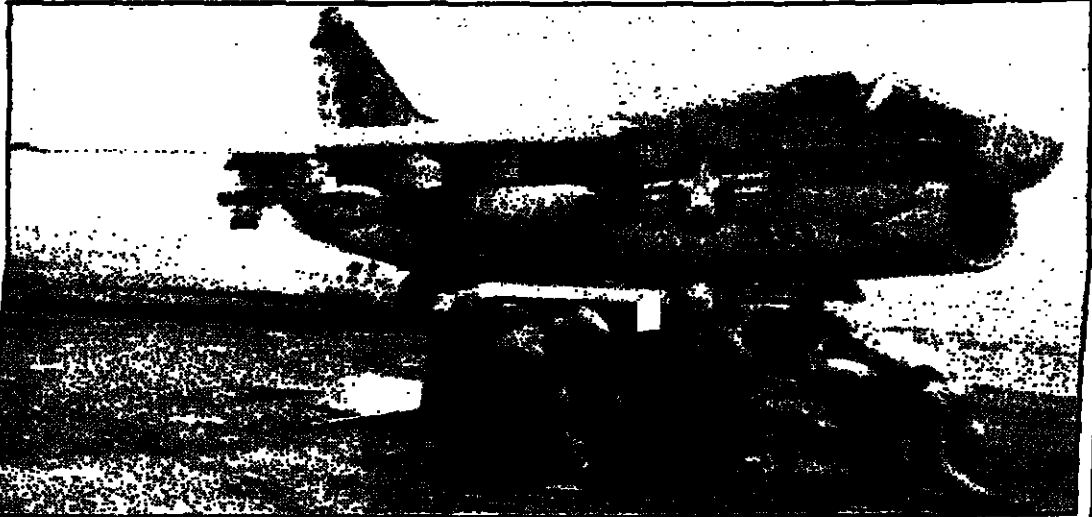
"Interchange," a notoriously colourful urban landscape the abstract expressionist artist painted in 1955, sold to a Japanese buyer, mountain tortoise, after a fierce three-way bidding battle.

Tortoise could not be reached for comment but Sotheby's contemporary art expert Lucy Mitchell-Innes said he was a regular Sotheby's buyer in contemporary art. (Reuters)

**Ban on additive:** Doubts about the safety of the standard British loaf of bread has emerged after a ban was announced on an additive which gives the bread its characteristic texture and shelf-life, it was reported in London.



A ball of flame rises from an apartment complex in an Atlanta suburb Nov 9 after the US training jet crashed into the complex. (Reuters wirephoto)



A US navy A7-E fighter jet. (Reuters wirephoto)

# US to lift ban if Ortega is beaten

WASHINGTON, Nov 10, (AP): President Bush has promised to lift the trade embargo against Nicaragua if the US-backed presidential candidate, Violeta Chamorro, defeats leftist President Daniel Ortega in the February election.

The statement came after a meeting in which Mrs Chamorro asked Bush for aid to help with economic reconstruction after the election and the two agreed on the need to muster international support for fair elections, according to US anti-Nicaraguan participants.

The United States spent millions of dollars under President Reagan to fuel the Contra rebels in their war to oust Ortega.

Bush, while endorsing a diplomatic rather than military approach, has continued the policy that Ortega should be removed from office. He supports Mrs Chamorro's candidacy, signing a \$9-million election aid package that will in large part boost her race.

**Reconciliation**

A statement issued by White House spokesman Roman Popadiuk said that Mrs Chamorro had stressed in a letter to Bush that her administration "would be committed to reconciliation... and reconstruction of the economy in peace and democracy."

"Should this occur, the president said the United States would be ready to lift the trade embargo and assist in Nicaragua's reconstruction," the statement said.

The trade embargo was imposed in May 1985, banning imports from or exports to Nicaragua.

"The president looks forward to the day when, with a democratic government, Nicaraguans will have good political and economic relations with the United States and the rest of the free world and will be able to begin rebuilding after decades of dictatorship," the statement said.

**Talks**

Meanwhile, the first peace talks in more than a year between the Nicaraguan government and the rebels fighting to topple it have begun shakily, with each side rejecting the other's proposals to restore a truce.

Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto said Thursday his government would meet the rebels' demands for a truce and amnesty if the guerrillas agreed to begin disbanding by the end of the month.

The US-backed rebels, known as Contras, countered with a plan to restore the ceasefire with the leftist Sandinista government and discuss other conditions — such as demobilisation — later.

Neither proposal was accepted, despite the urging of UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to renew the ceasefire that President Daniel Ortega ended last week.

"There is little convergence" between the proposals, said one diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity.

But negotiations from both sides expressed optimism that progress could be made when the talks resume Friday.

Documents obtained show the Contras' opening position calls for an immediate truce, followed by a blanket amnesty for the rebels by Nov 20.

The 12,000 or so Contras camped in Honduras would then move into Nicaragua, with their weapons, to join their comrades there in safety zones monitored by UN peacekeepers.

Diplomats said that by moving into Nicaragua, the Contras would remove pressure on the Honduran government to shut down their camps by Dec 5, as required by a Central American peace plan signed in August.

# New haemorrhoid drug administered through navel

ST PETERSBURG, Fla., Nov 10, (Reuters): A new haemorrhoid treatment that is administered by being dripped into the navel stopped rectal bleeding in about two-thirds of patients in a recent clinical trial, the drug's makers said yesterday.

Two drops of the drug, to be marketed in liquid form under the name Alphanon, are put in the navel and the compound works its way into the bloodstream through the skin, Belmac Corp. said in a statement.

US authorities have not yet been asked to approve the drug for sale, but it is already available in Jamaica and is near approval in France and the Netherlands, Belmac president Jean Francis Rossignol said in a telephone interview from Belmac's Florida headquarters.

Belmac has signed licensing agreements with the French over-the-counter pharmaceutical company Sanofi to manufacture and market the drug in France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Turkey and a number of African countries.

A variety of drugs are administered through the skin, usually using an adhesive patch soaked with medication which is applied to the chest or arm. But Alphanon is believed to be the first drug to be given through the navel.

Rossignol said Belmac plans to formally ask the US Food and Drug Administration to license the drug here in early 1990. Once its application is filed, approval could take years.

# Apts in flame as jet hits

SMYRNA, Georgia, Nov 10, (AP): Five people were missing today as searchers picked through the rubble of a suburban Atlanta apartment complex after a navy jet fighter exploded and slammed into the building, setting off huge fires.

Four people were injured, including the pilot of the A-7E Corsair II who ejected just before the crash yesterday evening, and a pregnant woman and her five-year-old child, who ran out of their apartment in flames.

The search for victims was delayed by intense heat, but everyone in the two most seriously damaged buildings was accounted for, and no bodies were found in nine of 12 other apartments in another building, said John Patterson, the Cobb county emergency management director.

He said five people were unaccounted for in what remained of the other three apartments in the pine village apartment complex.

"My gut feeling is there might be some people in there," said Cobb county medical examiner Joe Burton. "If there are no fatalities, I'd call it somewhat of a miracle."

About 30 people were left homeless by the crash, which occurred about 6 pm (2300 GMT).

"My first officer on the scene said he heard screams, but the building was engulfed in flames and he couldn't get in," said Smyrna police Lt. J.L. Martin.

It took firefighters two hours to extinguish the blaze.

The unarmed A-7E Corsair II crashed 2.5 miles (4 kilometres) short of the runway at the Dobbs Air Force base, 15 miles (24 kilometres) north of Atlanta, where the pilot was attempting to land, said navy spokesman Kerry Honore.

The pilot, a reservist, was in critical condition after undergoing surgery at Kennestone Hospital, said hospital official Bill Ballew.

The crash confirmed the worst fears of residents who hear military planes and helicopters roar above them daily.

# Republicans debate Dems jubilant

WASHINGTON, Nov 10, (AP): Victorious black Democrats toured the Capitol yesterday while Republicans debated whether their 1989 election debacle was an ominous sign about their prospects for the much heavier ballot slate in 1990.

Jubilant Democrats tallied gains that included the governor's mansion in New Jersey, and the election of the first blacks as governor of Virginia and mayor of New York City.

Blacks also captured the mayor's office in Seattle, Washington; New Haven, Connecticut; Cleveland, Ohio; and Durham, North Carolina.

Douglas Wilder said yesterday his triumph in the Virginia governor's race proved "Americans have come of age. What was preached and practiced for some time has come full cycle."

During a meeting with Senate majority leader George Mitchell, a Democrat, Wilder joked about the narrowness of his margin — a majority his Republican opponent still questions.

Turning to David Dinkins, the mayor-elect of New York City, Wilder congratulated him and other Democrats, "some of whom had landslide victories like I did."

Wilder was asked if racism was the reason he ran behind other Democratic candidates for statewide office and he replied, "it says I had a very negative campaign being waged against me and my ticketmates didn't."

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# Tribunal rejects a popular candidate

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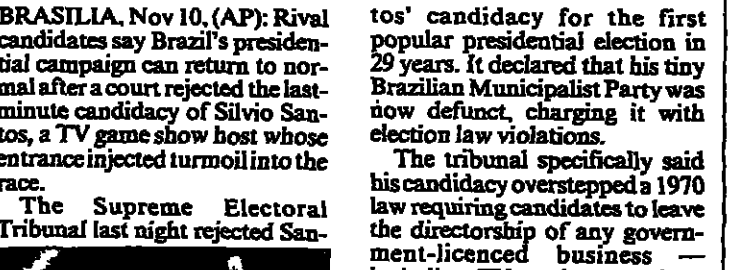
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Brizola, a presidential candidate for the Democratic Workers Party, waves to supporters during a campaign rally Nov 15. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Brazilian police break up multi-million-dollar fraud scheme

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov 10, (AP): Federal law enforcement officials have announced a crackdown on a \$360 million international money laundering scheme, the largest in Brazilian history.

Justice Minister Saulo Ramos told reporters yesterday that Rio police cracked a two-year foreign exchange scam involving at least 13 major Brazilian banks and six stock brokers after a seven-month investigation.

"This is the biggest foreign exchange scam ever uncovered in the history of Brazil," Ramos said.

He said hundreds of "intermediaries" forged federal trade bureau ledgers and made fraudulent purchases of foreign goods for a network of seven phantom companies in the southeastern cities of Rio, Sao Paulo and Porto Alegre.

The intermediaries purchased US dollars with new cruzados, Brazil's currency, at the official rate from the Central Bank, Brazil's equivalent of the US Federal Reserve, he said.

The dollars were then illegally funnelled through stock brokerages and Brazilian banks out of the country, Ramos said.

The Federal Trade Bureau and the Foreign Exchange Commission have accounted for \$150 million in laundered funds, Ramos said.

The Central Bank estimates another 210 million has been deposited abroad in several foreign countries, spokesman Tupy Caldas said in Brasilia, the nation's capital.

Investigators believe the illegal money was used by drug barons for US-Latin American trafficking operations.

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## Rebels kidnap two Mexicans

### 6 Colombians shot dead

BOGOTA, Nov 10, (UPI): Two Mexican engineers, Armando Caicedo Camargo and Juan Carlos Miris, were kidnapped by rebels yesterday in a rural area of north Santander state, the government reported.

The mayor of nearby Toledo said that at 8:00 am members of the rebel National Liberation Army (ELN) stopped the two engineers as they drove to work, forced them to get out of their car, and kidnapped them.

Police in Toledo, a small municipality some 200 miles (320 km) northeast of the capital, searched for the engineers, who worked for Incostrumex, a Colombian-Mexican firm repairing damaged parts of an important oil pipeline in the area.

The ELN, which assassinated the Catholic Bishop of Arauca, Jesus Emilio Jaramillo Monsalve, in October, has repeatedly dynamited the pipeline, which it considers a symbol of foreign intervention in the Colombian economy.

Also on Thursday, after more than seven hours of continuous debate, the Social Conservative Party could not agree on a single presidential candidate, and leaders called for a postponement of the decision.

Some 500 delegates had gathered in Bogota in hopes of choosing the Social Conservative Party (PSC) candidate for the 1990 presidential elections. The delegates met, however, without the participation of leading conservative Alvaro Gomez and three nominees.

Gomez is pushing for a candidate of "convergence" agreed upon by both traditional parties, the PSC and the liberals, in the face of the drug war crisis.

Gomez, defeated for president in the 1986 elections, leads one of the two wings of the PSC, the other led by party president Misael Pastrana Borrero.

Six peasants were shot to death in their sleep yesterday by unidentified gunmen who burst into their home in the town of Guire, a hamlet in Casanare territory, 90 miles (145 km) east of Bogota, military sources said in the capital.

The violence erupted just hours after hundreds of mourners in Bogota paid homage to slain journalist Jorge Enrique Pulido, who died on Wednesday from wounds allegedly inflicted by drug cartel hit men.

The six peasants were shot to death as they slept in their beds in Guire, a hamlet in Casanare territory, 90 miles (145 km) east of Bogota, military sources said in the capital.

Striking Colombian judicial employees held talks with the government yesterday to press demands for protection from drug lords but there was no indication they would end their week-old walkout.

Hundreds of anti-narcotics police and US drug agents raided 11 cocaine labs in eastern Bolivia and arrested 23 suspected traffickers, police said.

Authorities said the sweep, conducted a day earlier, was the single largest since a three-month operation in 1986, in which 175 US soldiers participated in scores of raids on cocaine laboratories.

## North Sea disaster averted

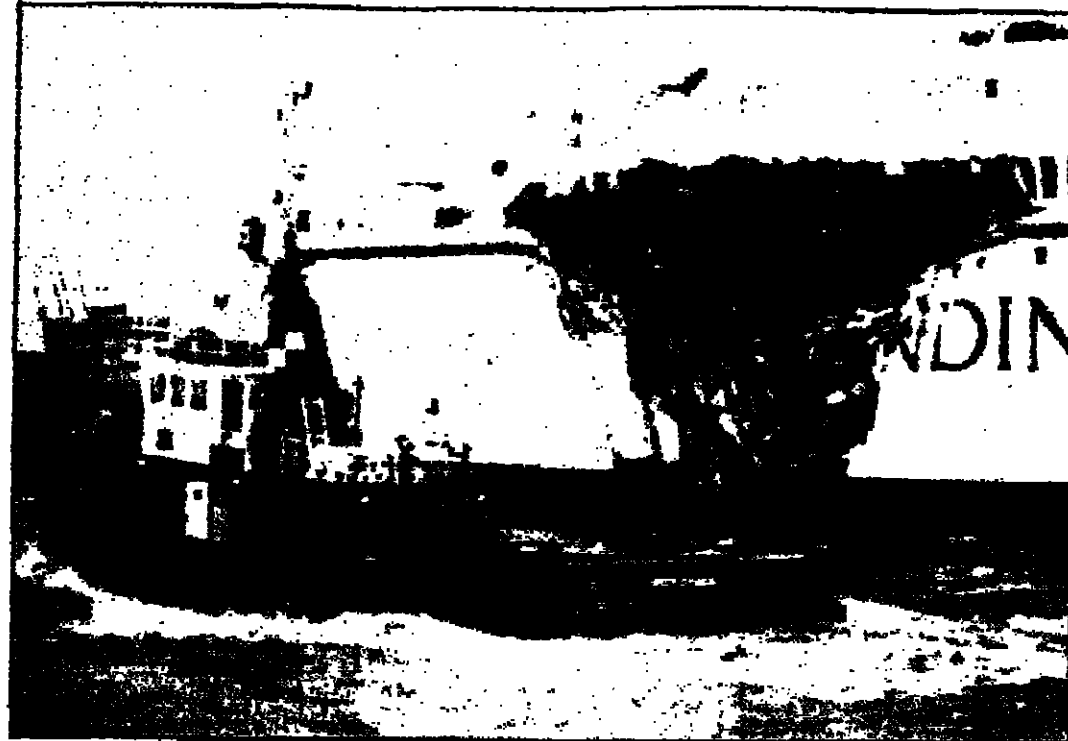
GREAT YARMOUTH, England, Nov 10, (AP): Helicopter crews rescued 51 people aboard a gas-drilling platform Wednesday just 10 minutes before it toppled and capsized in the North Sea, the coast guard said.

Two ships were towing the InterOcean II platform from a drilling point off Britain when one of the vessels' lines snapped in gale-force winds of 75 miles (120 kilometres) an hour, said a coast guard spokesman.

He said the accident occurred northeast of Great Yarmouth, in eastern England, as the platform was being towed to the Netherlands.

A helicopter dispatched two Royal Air Force helicopters and two commercial helicopters, which airlifted the last of the 51 crew just 10 minutes before the platform tipped into the sea, the spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

Eight workers had intended to stay aboard, but decided to abandon the platform at the last minute, the spokesman said.



A tug passes the car ferry Hamburg after its arrival at Bremerhaven. (Reuter wirephoto)



A wide gaping hole was caused during the collision. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Three die in W. German ferry-freighter collision

BREMERHAVEN, West Germany, Nov 10, (AP): A Danish ferry carrying more than 300 people limped into harbour yesterday after being struck by a freighter in a collision that killed three passengers and injured 11, officials said.

Witnesses said parts of the car ferry Hamburg's dance lounge were hanging out of a 20-metre (yard) gash in the hull as the ship arrived. Lounge chairs littered the deck of the freighter, which also had arrived in harbour.

The lounge, however, was almost empty at the time because the ship's band conductor was feeling ill and had postponed an evening dance by a half-hour, possibly preventing many casualties, said ferry owner Scandinavian Seaways.

Six seriously injured people already had been taken by helicopter from the ferry Hamburg after Wednesday night's incident in the North Sea south of the island of Helgoland, company official Hartwig Scheel said in a West German radio interview.

West German Transport Minister Friedrich Zimmermann ordered an investigation of the collision in

which the container ship Nordie Stream struck the huge passenger ferry from behind Wednesday night. A Transport Ministry statement said yesterday it was not clear why the ships collided. It said West German sea traffic controllers before the accident had alerted both boats that they were getting close.

Officials said a storm warning was in effect at the time of the accident with high winds and rough seas. Scheel initially said 15 people were injured, but he later revised the number to 11, five of whom remained hospitalised, he said.

The identities of the dead passengers were not confirmed, but Scheel said they appeared to be two Britons and a German.

Scandinavian Seaways said the ferry was carrying a crew of 96 and 277 passengers, including 60 Britons, 192 Germans, 16 Danes and nine others of unidentified nationality. The boat has a capacity of about 1,000 people.

The 156-metre (yard) long ferry was struck above and below the water line, Scandinavian Seaways said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Train crash leaves 4 dead:** Four people were killed and 25 injured when an express train rammed into a standing passenger train shortly after midnight in northwestern Czechoslovakia, the official CTK news agency reported today.

The north-bound Baborov Express was en route from Prague to East Germany when the two trains crashed near Nove Kopisty some 70 kilometres (45 miles) north of Prague, CTK said.

A commission headed by Transportation and Communications Minister Frantisek Podlensky was investigating "the causes and consequences of the accident, while the injured are given medical help," CTK reported. (AP)

**Drinkers win battle:** The drinkers have won a round in the Welsh battle between the Bible and the bottle, waged by referendum every seven years.

With the last votes counted yesterday, Sunday is only dry in Dwyfor now.

Everywhere else in the principality of Wales, the smallest land in the United Kingdom, pubs can stay open on Sundays.

A 1961 law let Welsh voters decide district by district whether they wanted Sunday pub openings. A quirk in the law said the decision could be reviewed every seven years. (AP)

**Unhygienic shipments:** Trucks and railcars are hauling garbage into America's breadbasket and then carry food on the way back with little or no cleaning in-between, according to congressional testimony.

Witnesses told a house panel of trucks that carry meat and solid waste on alternate trips, trailers that haul food along with insects left from garbage runs and diesel fuel from one shipment seeping into flour in the next cargo. (AP)

**Jury deadlock, actor released:** Todd Bridges, a star of the television series "Diff'rent Strokes," has been released from a jail after a court commissioner declared a mistrial on a charge that he attacked a man with a gun in a cocaine dealing house.

The commissioner made the ruling yesterday

after the jury said it was deadlocked on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon but the prosecution said it would suggest a fresh trial.

Bridges, 25, who had been in jail since Kenneth "Tex" Clay was wounded five times on February 2, was freed on bail of \$25,000 after the amount was reduced from \$1 million by superior court commissioner Florence-Marie Cooper. (Reuter)

**Fodor on the upswing:** Eugene Fodor, a virtuoso violinist who rode the roller coaster of fame from a dazzling high of winning a medal in the 1974 Tchaikovsky competition to a dizzying low of a drug bust in July, says he is on the upswing again.

Fodor, 39, whose violin recital Saturday night in Peekskill, north of New York City, was his first public appearance since he was charged with drug possession and breaking into a motel room, said of his performance:

"I had a feeling of freedom of expression that I can't remember having had before to that degree. It seemed like the channels were really open from the emotions I was feeding through to the music."

## UK lead poisoning

## Ban on milk sales

LONDON, Nov 10, (AP): Britain banned milk sales by 940 farms yesterday because of lead-contaminated cattle feed which the government says was sold through an international criminal conspiracy.

The affected farms, mostly in southwest England, were also barred from selling dairy products such as butter and cheese and moving livestock, the Ministry of Agriculture said.

In Brussels, European Community agriculture commissioner Ray MacSharry ordered an immediate investigation of the allegations about the milk conspiracy believed to stretch across several EC nations.

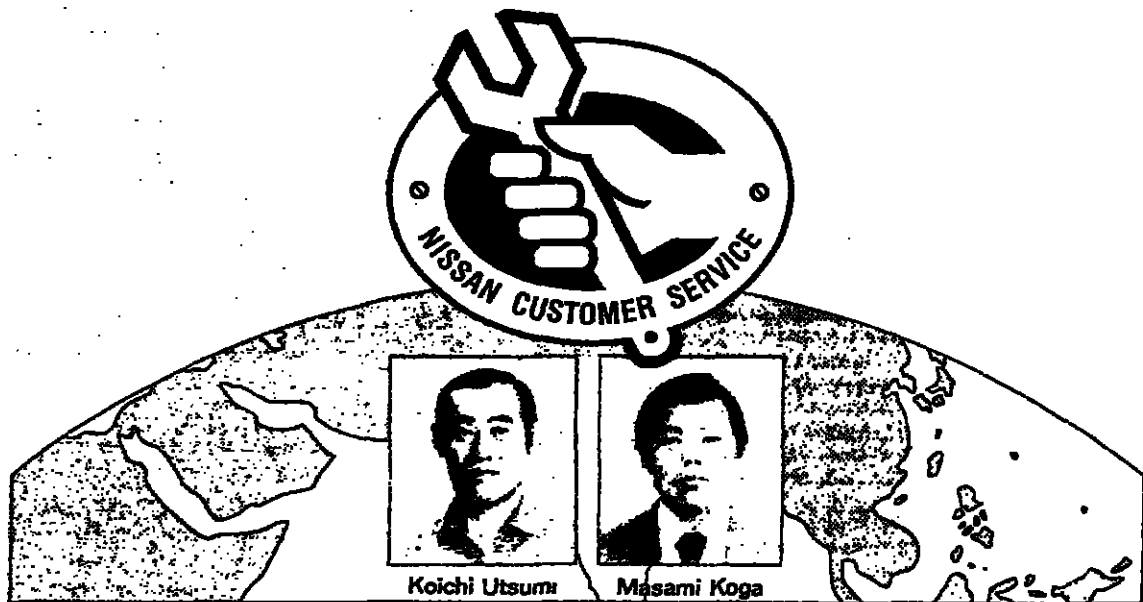
MacSharry will contact "all the relevant authorities in Britain, Belgium, the Netherlands and West Germany," said an EC commission official.

The Dutch embassy in London said 330 farms in the Netherlands were under similar restrictions.

In Britain, the Ministry of Agriculture said 18 cattle have died of lead poisoning and other animals are suffering lead sickness.

Milk from the affected farms is being collected separately for testing and thousands of gallons (litres) have been withheld from public sale.

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## Arms talks move ahead

WASHINGTON, Nov 10, (AP): The chief US negotiator at talks with the Soviet Union said yesterday that progress has been made on verification procedures and that there is a good chance two never-ratified arms control treaties can be initiated at the US-Soviet summit meeting planned for next summer.

Ambassador C. Paul Robinson told the foreign relations committee of the US Senate that the negotiators "have an excellent foundation for completing our work in time for the summit next year."

The two pacts — the 1974 treaty on the limitation of underground nuclear weapon tests and the 1976 treaty on underground nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes — were signed by the United States and the Soviet Union but have never been voted on by the Senate.

Opponents of the treaties as originally negotiated contend that verification provisions in the treaties are insufficient to guarantee against cheating.

The two treaties would limit the maximum yield of nuclear test explosions to 150 kilotons. But now, Robinson said, verification technology has advanced to the point that a supplemental agreement on verification procedures appears to be within reach.

Another US official said, however, that the United States will block an attempt by 41 other nations to amend the 1963 limited test ban treaty to establish a comprehensive, permanent ban against all nuclear weapons testing.

Kathleen C. Bailey, an official of the arms control and disarmament agency, said the United States will exercise its treaty rights to prevent the transformation of that treaty into a comprehensive test ban in the belief that testing is essential to ensure the reliability of the nation's nuclear deterrent.

Test ban advocates disagreed, saying that testing is not needed to make sure nuclear weapons are reliable and asserting that such tests result in the production and deployment of more destructive nuclear arms.

"The US position on nuclear testing is clear," Dr Bailey said. "Nuclear testing is indispensable to the maintenance of the credible nuclear deterrent that has kept the peace for 40 years. ... Testing is necessary to ensure the reliability of our nuclear deterrent and improves the safety, security and survivability of our weapons."

She said a comprehensive test ban can be contemplated only when deep and verifiable strategic and conventional arms reductions have been achieved.

But the committee's chairman, Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., said that if a complete test ban goes into effect "the weapons are less likely to be reliable and therefore less likely to be used."

Three scientists, including former space shuttle astronaut Sally K. Ride, yesterday challenged the US government argument that nuclear-tipped sea-launched cruise missiles cannot be detected on vessels.

In an article in science magazine, the scientists endorsed a Soviet argument that a total ban on those missiles could be verified under a proposed Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (Start) now under superpower negotiation.

"The verification of arms control limits on nuclear-armed SLCMs (sea-launched cruise missiles) does not present insuperable problems and can be accomplished at a level of both effectiveness and intrusiveness, which is likely to be characteristic of the other verification provisions of Start," said the article by Ride and fellow physicists George N. Lewis and John S. Townsend.

Ride left the shuttle programme and is a professor of physics at the University of California at San Diego.

Matt Murphy, a spokesman for the US arms control and disarmament agency, said officials were studying the article and had no immediate comment.

## Soviets fire laser beams

### Washington to raise issue with Moscow

WASHINGTON, Nov 10, (Reuters): A US delegation visiting Moscow next week will raise the issue of several incidents in which the Soviet Union apparently directed laser beams at US military aircraft, the State Department said yesterday.

The delegation is to visit Moscow for talks on implementing a US-Soviet agreement on preventing dangerous military activities. The agreement is due to take effect in January.

The United States said yesterday that the Soviet Union had apparently directed ship-based laser beams at US military aircraft four times over the Pacific Ocean in the past three weeks.

The Defence Department said the incidents involved three Air Force C-130s and a Navy P-3 patrol plane, and that an air force crewman may have suffered eye damage from a blinding beam of light on Oct 17, while flying 1,200 miles (1,900 km) south-west of Hawaii.

The Defence Department said the incidents involved a Soviet research ship and one other Soviet vessel it did not identify.

Two years ago the United States accused Soviet ships of doing the same thing to US planes in the target area of Soviet missile tests off Hawaii.

The Defence Department spokesman offered these details of the most recent incidents:

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Mitsotakis: hands back mandate

## Mitsotakis bid fails

### Greek crisis continues

ATHENS, Nov 10, (UPI): Greece's political crisis continued today as conservative leader Constantine Mitsotakis returned his three-day mandate to explore the possibility of forming a government, but told reporters he saw a solution emerging.

Mitsotakis, heading the New Democracy Party, met President Christos Sartzetakis to hand back the exploratory mandate he received Tuesday, ending a three-day search for a solution to the crisis that arose from Sunday's general elections.

The elections, the second in five months, left New Democracy with a plurality of 148 seats in the 300-member Vouli or parliament, just three short of an overall majority. The socialist and communists together hold 149 seats, or two short of a majority.

Mitsotakis told reporters a solution to the crisis was emerging, and he felt his proposal for an all-party national unity government would be accepted by the smaller parties in parliament.

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## Britain will not lower guard

LONDON, Nov 10, (AP): Defence Secretary Tom King warned it would be a mistake for Britain to renounce its longstanding policy of strong defences in the face of Soviet bloc reform and disarmament.

Britain's independent nuclear deterrent could not be submitted as a bargaining factor at East-West disarmament talks "for the foreseeable future," he said in an interview today with the domestic British news agency Press Association.

Repeating what Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has said on previous occasions, King stressed that Britain and other North Atlantic Treaty Organisation members could not drop their guard against Warsaw Pact forces. He added that he believed the British public would understand this view.

He also pointed to difficulties faced at East-West talks on conventional arms reductions in Vienna and said considerable progress needed to be made.

Britain and France are the only two West European nations that control independent nuclear forces.

Britain plans to update its ageing submarine Polaris nuclear missiles by the mid-1990s with a more powerful Trident system bought from the United States.

The news agency quoted King as saying: "It is true the present tremendous changes (in Eastern Europe) might make some people think we don't need defence any more. But it is a very human emotion to see your own country properly defended."

He said events in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union were happening fast, and it was impossible to predict how they would finally turn out, the agency reported.

It quoted King as saying Nato's strong defences had spurred reforms in the East and ensured that freedom in the West was not overwhelmed by communist pressures and intimidation.

"By being prepared to maintain strong defences, we have seen this opportunity for improvement. The one thing which would be a mistake and almost criminal would be just at this moment to change our approach, which could damage this process of reform," the news agency reported him as saying.

"We must keep our defences strong but respond in a positive and constructive way to the approaches from the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact," he added.

King said significant cuts in nuclear arsenals could only be considered as long as each nuclear power were able to preserve its deterrent capability.

"We certainly have our own deterrent, and I would not entertain any change in that situation while we still face the threat of nuclear weapons being used against us. And so we have a considerable way to go for the foreseeable future," the agency reported him as saying.

The agency said King expressed concern that the public didn't fully appreciate the difficulties faced in the conventional disarmament talks.

He said confidence had to be built between East and West to ensure genuine removal and destruction of weapons, together with a workable verification deal.

## Deng to stay main player

### Quits last party post

BEIJING, Nov 10, (AP): Senior leader Deng Xiaoping said today he was "fully reassured" that China enjoys "complete stability," a day after announcing his retirement from his last Communist Party post.

Deng, 85, made the comments as he met with former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in the Great Hall of the People. Deng, noting with a hearty laugh that Kissinger was the first foreign guest he had met since his retirement, said he would continue to play his "due role" as a citizen and as a member of the Communist Party.

The meeting at the Great Hall, the seat of government located in Beijing's landmark Tiananmen Square, reinforced the impression that Deng will remain China's prime mover.

Kissinger, after Deng referred to his retirement, said: "You will never be without great influence."

"Are you opposed to it?" Deng asked.

"I am for it," Kissinger said.

Deng commented that Kissinger is no longer US secretary of state, "yet you are still busy working in international affairs."

Deng said his retirement was part of efforts to abolish lifetime office-holding.

"Now we enjoy complete stability in China, and I am fully reassured," he said.

On Thursday, the Communist Party Central Committee accepted Deng's resignation as chairman of the party's Central Military Commission. Deng said he also will resign as head of the State Military Commission, a governmental body with almost identical functions.

Deng's retirement, and the appointment of party chief Jiang Zemin as new head of the party Military Commission, were given red-letter banner headlines in the official press today.

One of Jiang's chief rivals, President Yang Shangkun, a hard-liner who coveted the military post, was named first vice chairman of the body, a position held by former party leader Zhao Ziyang before he lost all his party posts on charges of supporting last spring's pro-democracy movement.

Army troops suppressed the movement on June 3-4, invading the capital and killing hundreds, perhaps thousands, of demonstrators and bystanders.

The party also appointed Yang Baibing, the 82-year-old Yang's younger brother and a top political commissar in the People's Liberation Army, as secretary general of the commission.

■ Zhao Ziyang continued to be pilloried in the official press, with a just-concluded party meeting refrained from further attacks on the once-powerful reformer.

This week's edition of the newspaper-magazine Digest, a weekly review of the official press, accused Zhao of "violent treachery" in the 1988 demise of the party ideological magazine, "Red Flag."

It said Zhao was hypocritical and inconsistent in abolishing the bimonthly on the grounds that he wanted to "strengthen the party's theoretical propaganda work."

■ China has smashed an underground escape network, arresting the country's two most wanted pro-democracy activists after more than four months on the run, a Chinese source said on Thursday.

A Hong Kong Chinese citizen was also arrested.

■ China condemned the US Congress Thursday for pressing ahead with plans for wide-ranging sanctions against Beijing, saying they would further strain Sino-American ties.

A government spokeswoman also accused Washington of being "too deeply involved" in this spring's pro-democracy movement.

■ Hong Kong, anxious to preserve a recently restored fragile harmony in its relations with Beijing, is barring members of a New York-based Chinese dissident group from the colony, diplomats said today.

■ Six people have been executed in the southwestern city of Chengdu for participating in riots that broke out at the same time troops were crushing Beijing's pro-democracy movement, a local official said Thursday.

An official of the foreign affairs office in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province, said the six were sentenced to death at a public rally on Tuesday and were immediately executed.

■ The British Broadcasting Corp. said today its Mandarin-language broadcasts to China are being jammed for the first time.



Jiang: powerful

### Fear of Khmer return

## UK to send envoy

LONDON, Nov 10, (Agencies): Britain will send a diplomat to Cambodia for the first time in 13 years and has denounced the communist Khmer Rouge, part of the Cambodian opposition recognised by the United Nations.

Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, in a statement to Parliament on Wednesday night, also announced a grant of £250,000 (\$295,000) for the UN International Children's Emergency Fund (Unicef) in Cambodia.

Hurd said Britain and 72 other nations sponsoring a UN resolution on Cambodia will modify the text to distance themselves from the Khmer Rouge, which killed hundreds of thousands of Cambodians during its rule under Pol Pot from 1975 until the Vietnamese invasion of late 1978.

Meanwhile, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia's government yesterday welcomed Britain's announcement it would distance itself from the Khmer Rouge and send aid to people in the country.

"We welcome the British move as a step forward even if Britain's government does not want to recognise us at this time. We consider this an encouragement for our cause," Foreign Ministry spokesman Chum Bunroa told Reuters.

■ Foreign diplomats in Phnom Penh say they are convinced Vietnam has withdrawn all its troops from Cambodia despite rebel claims to the contrary.

The government of Hun Sen says it hopes a similar statement by Britain on Wednesday that Hanot's soldiers have actually left will help put the Vietnam troop bogey to rest.

## White ANC rebels jailed

### SA lifts Mbeki ban

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 10, (AP): Three whites who proudly admitted to being guerrillas of the African National Congress were sentenced today to prison terms ranging from 18 to 25 years after a highly publicised terrorism trial.

The two men and one woman were arrested in May 1988 at a farmhouse outside Johannesburg. In a dawn raid, police seized a large cache of Soviet-made weapons that included a heat-seeking surface-to-air missile.

Damian de Lange, 31, a former journalist and leader of the cell, was sentenced today by Magistrate W.J. van den Bergh to 25 years in prison. Iain Robertson, 35, received a 20-year prison sentence and Susan Westcott, 25, a native of Swaziland whose parents are British, was sentenced to 18 years.

Supporters in the courtroom threw yellow daisies at the defendants when the sentence was announced in Pretoria regional court.

Robertson yelled, "Long live the ANC," as police pulled him away.

Ms Westcott's mother, Margaret Westcott, said afterwards, "We stand by our daughter — she's done a very brave thing for this country."

David Soggot, the defence attorney, said an appeal might be filed.

The chief prosecutor, Frans Roets, had asked for sentences for 125 years for De Lange, 110 years for Robertson and 90 years for Ms Westcott.

The three acknowledged they were members of the military wing of the outlawed African National Congress, the predominantly black movement that has waged a bombing and sabotage campaign since 1961

aimed at ending white-minority domination in South Africa.

The Human Rights Commission, an independent anti-apartheid monitoring group, condemned the sentences as harsh and said apartheid was to blame for the ANC's decision to use violence.

■ Namibia: The South-West Africa People's Organisation, (Swapo) favoured to win Namibia's pre-independence election, accused its main rival of "acts of desperation" Thursday as the five-day voting period passed its halfway point.

Hidipo Hamutenya, Swapo's publicity secretary, said bogus pamphlets intended to discredit the party had been dropped from an airplane over Karibura, the main black neighbourhood in the capital, Windhoek.

■ Ethiopia: President Mengistu Haile Mariam appointed a new foreign minister and deputy prime minister Wednesday evening in a continuing cabinet shakeup.

Two senior government and party officials were retired for unspecified health reasons amid speculation that further cabinet changes will be made in coming days.

The new Foreign Minister is Tesfaye Dinka, one of four deputy prime ministers who has been in charge of economic and financial affairs the past two years.

■ Kenya: Kenya closed Nairobi University indefinitely on Thursday after violent clashes between police and students.

Philip Mbiti, vice-chancellor of the country's main Institute of Higher Education, said in a statement that more than 5,000 students were required to leave the campus immediately.

## House of Representatives approves \$305b defence bill, cuts Star Wars funding

WASHINGTON, Nov 10, (AP): The democratic-controlled House of Representatives yesterday approved a \$305-billion defence bill that would cut President George Bush's request for Star Wars by \$1.1 billion, the first budget reduction in the programme in six years.

By a vote of 236-172, the House agreed to provide many of the funds Bush sought for the MX and Midetman nuclear missiles and the B-2 Stealth bomber. But it also restored money for four of the 10 conventional weapon programmes the president tried to kill.

The bill provides \$3.8 billion for the Strategic Defence Initiative, the space-based missile defence system popularly known as Star Wars — in the fiscal year that began Oct 1. That is about \$279 million less than the amount spent in fiscal 1989.

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration. Later in the day, House and Senate negotiators reached agreement on a \$238-billion military appropriations bill that largely follows the House's authorisations bill on the major weapons system.

However, members of the House and Senate appropriations subcommittees on defence agreed to

a \$375-million cut in funds for the Trident II missile, the submarine-launched weapon that has experienced a series of test failures. The panels also included restrictive language for the programme until it meets certain guidelines.

The conferees restored money for the advanced tactical fighter. The House, in its bill, had made wholesale cuts in the classified programme.

Among the provisions in the defence authorisation bill is \$4.3 billion dollars for the B-2 bomber, \$430 million less than the Bush administration

requested for the fiscal year that began Oct 1.

■ Automatic budget cuts would force the Defence Department to reduce the nation's active-duty armed forces by about 229,000 troops — nearly 11 per cent — the department said Wednesday at a hearing marked by partisan congressional bickering.

Democrats who attended the Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on the impact of the budget-balancing law expressed shock that President Bush would allow such severe cutbacks.



SUBCONTINENT

# Gay kills 29, leaves 85,000 homeless in India

HYDERABAD, India, Nov. 10. (Agencies): Authorities cancelled a state-of-alert today and began assessing damage to coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh from a typhoon that claimed at least 29 lives and left some 85,000 people homeless, officials said. The deaths pushed to almost 400 the

total number of people killed by the typhoon that roared late last week out of the Gulf of Thailand, cut through southern Thailand and part of Burma and then sliced across the Bay of Bengal to hit the coastal districts of Nellore and Prakasam in Andhra Pradesh early yesterday.

Fortunately, the storm also lost much of its power before making landfall in India, with its winds clocked at 75 mph (120 kph), almost half of what their strength had been. Officials in the Andhra Pradesh capital of Hyderabad, 775 miles (1,250

km) south of New Delhi, said they had confirmed 29 people killed in drowning and the collapse of homes. They said that the storm had dispersed over interior sections of the state, prompting an end to a state-of-alert declared the day before it hit the coast. Disaster teams were fanning out

through the districts to assess damage caused by the typhoon, they said. At least 85,000 people were known to be homeless and many were reportedly marooned on high ground or on the roofs of buildings, officials said. Others joined in makeshift relief camps an estimated 50,000 people who

were evacuated from low-lying areas in advance of the typhoon, officials said. They said air force helicopters continued dropping emergency food packets to stranded villagers and relief teams delivered supplies to refugee camps. A total of 15,000 packets have been air-dropped since yesterday, they said.

## Rajiv foe gathers dust and votes; task uphill

Rumblings of discontent in India

METHI, Nov 10, (AP): Gandhi, the prime minister, lands outside a town, the clatter and windstream of his helicopter's rotor blades turning up reminders of the power and money he has pumped into his electoral district. Raj Mohan Gandhi, grandson of India's beloved independence leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, bumps down disintegrating dirt lines in a scorable white sedan, telling villagers barely touched by the 20th century why they should vote for him instead of Rajiv.

Most of the people in the Amethi parliamentary district are poor, many are illiterate, but they know the power of the office of prime minister. And even if Raj Mohan Gandhi defeats Rajiv Gandhi in this month's election, Raj Mohan will be just another Member of Parliament and not the prime minister.

Still, there are rumblings of discontent. Despite an impressive construction boom in towns like Amethi and Gauriganj since the last elections in 1984, there are villages a few miles away where people wonder why they, too, do not yet have electricity.



'I am your man'

Opposition's top candidate for the prime minister's office, V.P. Singh (center) with supporters during a door to door election campaign in the north Indian town of Fatepur on Nov 8. Election campaign is on full swing all over India. (Reuters wirephoto)

Across the road from a modern steel plant, farmers ask why labourers were imported from other states to do jobs they say had been promised to their sons.

In the larger towns, unemployed young men with high school educations and engineering degrees talk about corruption and the Bofors arms scandal that has dogged the administration of Rajiv Gandhi, the grandson of late prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru and son of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

In Jais and Gauriganj, towns of several thousand people on a narrow but well-maintained blacktop road, it's hard to believe anyone except Rajiv Gandhi is really running for the seat he has held since 1981. Posters with his portrait are plastered on shops and hang from lightposts.

In a 10-hour drive through the Amethi constituency barely two weeks before the election that starts Nov 22 and ends Nov 26, not a single portrait of Raj Mohan Gandhi was spotted. The solid green banners of the Janata Dal party he represents were seldom seen outside Amethi town.

Raj Mohan Gandhi has an answer for this.

In Misrauli, about seven miles (12 km) north of Amethi, he tells villagers: "Each Rajiv Gandhi poster costs 10 rupees (62 cents). For that, you could feed your families today." His listeners nod in agreement and say they'll vote for him. He drives through Khushiyal village a few miles away on an axle-shaking, broken dirt track and doesn't stop. But in his wake the inhabitants of the mud and thatch houses say they will vote for this tall, slim, scholarly-looking man.

Susahi Tiwari, a white-bearded man who says he is about 55 but looks older, explains: "The main point is electricity. We have none. We have given an application, but there is no response."

In the background, women from this village of 50 families clamour against the Congress Party, unusual in a region where politics traditionally are left to men. "Sugar now costs 14 rupees (84 cents) a kilo (or 38 cents a pound)," says one woman in a green sari, waving her forefinger. Back in Amethi town, which has a population of about 20,000, Rajiv Gandhi warns the 5,000 people who have been herded beside wooden barriers in a school lot, "the opposition will hamper the progress in Amethi."

Amethi has indeed made progress. In 1980, only 330 of the 1,299 bigger villages had electricity. Today, 1,254 have electricity. In 1980, the district had 262 miles (422 km) of paved roads. Today, it has 714 miles (1,150 km).

Paved roads may be less than essential in a region where virtually the only automobiles belong to government officials and political parties. But the number of bicycles has skyrocketed. Roads that seldom held little more than bullock carts during the 1984 campaign are now jammed with bicycles, and even an occasional motor scooter, as men head home from jobs in the bigger towns at sundown.



Lanka's tear drop

The sister of a suspected slain Sinhalese rebel bursts into tears during the funeral service at Mt. Lavinia, seven km south of Colombo. The man was among six killed by police in the area on Monday. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Saarc ministers fail

## No summit date set

ISLAMABAD, Nov 10. (Reuters): South Asian foreign ministers ended meeting in the Pakistani capital yesterday after failing to set a date for the next summit conference of their seven nations because of a row between India and Sri Lanka, a participant said.

The annual summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (Saarc) was to be held by the end of this year in Colombo. But Sri Lanka refuses to host it if Indian peacekeeping troops remain on the island.

Maldives Foreign Minister

Fathullah Jameel said the two-day meeting had decided to recommend to Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto that she consult other heads of government on an alternative date and possibly venue.

Benazir is the current chairman of the five-year-old group, which held its fourth summit in Islamabad last December. Saarc groups India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, the Maldives and Bhutan.

Delegates have expressed fears about the security situation in

Colombo because of continuing strife in Sri Lanka, meeting sources said. Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne said yesterday it was not possible for his country to hold summit this year.

He also said his country would not be able to host the summit before March. This would create a new problem as the Saarc summit had been held every year since its formation in 1985. The failure to continue the practice would require amendment in the charter of Saarc.

Jameel said the Maldives could host the fifth summit if it could not be held in Colombo, but would like time to prepare.

## Neighbours fear unknown

Rajiv is a 'known force'

ISLAMABAD, Nov 10. (Reuters): Rajiv Gandhi wouldn't win any political popularity contests among India's south Asian neighbours but most appear happier to live with the "known devil" than with a new fellow in power in New Delhi.

The Indian prime minister faces tight elections this month after five years of power during which he has managed to upset most of the nations living in India's shadow.

Tension nearly reached breaking point with Pakistan in early 1987, he sent troops to Sri Lanka the same year, has fought a trade and diplomatic battle with Nepal for nine months and relations with Bangladesh have been strained over water rights.

Delhi's military build-up particularly a naval activity to project power across the Indian Ocean, is viewed with suspicion in Southeast Asia and Australia.

In the past year, though, Rajiv has managed to start mending fences with Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan and with China, which humiliated the Indian army in a brief 1962 border war.

Despite widespread belief that India likes acting the regional bully, regional politicians and officials say at least with Rajiv they know where they are.

"The known devil is better than the unknown," said one Sri Lankan official.

"What we want above all is stability in India," said a senior Pakistani minister who did not want to be identified.

He questioned whether the centrist opposition coalition led by Vishwanath Pratap Singh could hold together if it won. Others disagreed.

"For countries like Pakistan it might be a good thing to have the opposition ruling in Delhi," said Pakistani political analyst Mushahid Hussain.

"I would like to see an India that looks inward instead of outward, an India that looks its own serious problems instead of poking its nose into the affairs of its neighbours," he said.

Across the Bay of Bengal, a Kuala Lumpur-based diplomat said the Association of South East Asian Nations viewed the election with concern because of India's emerging power.

Rajiv is a known force, he said, and any change in

leadership would be important for Asean, which groups Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

"In view of its increase in naval strength, whoever rules India after the election will be of significant importance," he said.

The main flashpoint in the region has always been between India and Pakistan.

Mutual suspicions remain deep despite a considerable warming of relations since Benazir took power last December as the world's first Muslim woman prime minister.

There is disappointment in Islamabad at the failure to make quicker progress in resolving disputes and disquiet at recent bloodletting between Hindus and the Muslim minority in northern India.

Official Pakistani thinking believes that only a strong government in Delhi could take the bold decisions needed to solve long-running disputes.

"A weak government would always be looking over its shoulder and not be in a position to take major steps in relations with its neighbours," a Pakistani foreign policy expert said.

Politicians and officials in Colombo indicated privately they preferred Rajiv despite rows over Sri Lankan demands for a quick withdrawal of Indian troops sent to the island to help end a civil war.

They said each understood the other's problems. In Bangladesh, an aide to President Hossain Mohammad Ershad said the two leaders had built a good rapport but Dhaka would like to see a government "less communal and less hegemonistic."

The President would be sorry if Mr Gandhi loses, but that's what democracy is all about," he said.

Nepali sources questioned whether any government would change India's policy towards its small northern neighbour.

Since March, when India closed most of the land border crossings between the two countries in a row over trade and transit treaties, Nepal has accused India of imposing a virtual economic blockade.

"There will be no substantial change in the policy level if the Congress Party is ousted from power," Tribhuvan University Professor Lok Raj Baral said.

## JVP slays bank boss

COLOMBO, Nov 10. (Agencies): Suspected leftwing gunmen stormed the boardroom of a state-owned plantation company in central Colombo today during a directors meeting and shot dead a top bank official, police said.

They said E.T. Fernando, deputy general manager of the Bank of Ceylon, was killed in the attack at the Janatha Estates Development Board in the Slave island business district.

An official said two gunmen, one with a sub-machine-gun, ordered a worker to allow them into the boardroom.

When the worker refused, one man fired into the room through a glass window. The shots hit Fernando but about 12 other directors escaped after the assailant's gun jammed. The two gunmen ran away.

In a simultaneous drama in the same building, four gunmen shot and wounded the secretary of Deputy Minister of Plantation Industries Weerawanni Samaraweera when told the official was not in his office.

The attackers sprayed the room with 20 to 30 bullets.

Police blamed the attack on the People's Liberation Front (JVP) fighting for the past two years to oust the government.

Officials said the tea industry, in which Janatha Estates has a big stake, had lost millions of rupees from leftist violence. Tea is Sri Lanka's main export commodity, earning valuable foreign exchange.

The front has been accused of killing more than 25 plantation workers and setting fire to 40 factories in the past two months. Janatha Estates, the largest estate owner, was the hardest hit.

Military sources said 33 other people were killed in separate incidents across the island in the 24 hours to this morning.

In two attacks, front rebels killed 12 people, setting fire to the homes of some at Badulla in the central province. Eleven bullet-riddled bodies were found this morning in Badulla district, killed in attacks blamed by residents on pro-government vigilantes.

Meanwhile, fierce fighting broke out between two Tamil guerrilla groups in eastern Sri Lanka today and some people are feared dead, rebel sources said.

They said the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF) attacked a camp of the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation of Students (EROS) today in Ampara district.

Eros leader Velupillai Balakumar, confirming the attack, said: "Heavy shelling on our camp has hit many houses in the area. There may be many civilian deaths."

Balakumar, who is in Colombo, told reporters last Sunday that the EPRLF had asked his group to join the illegal Tamil National Army (TNA) or vacate Ampara district.

Balakumar said 150 to 200 heavily armed TNA men had surrounded the Eros camp in the rice-farming village of Kud-diruppu and was pounding it with mortars and rocket-propelled grenades.

"surrender," he said. Balakumar said there were rebel casualties but could not say on which side. "I have informed Sri Lanka's defence secretary and the Indian High Commission," he said.

The Sri Lanka government will launch a full-scale investigation how a Tamil militant group came to possess sophisticated weapons made in Sweden, Germany, India and China which were seized by a rival Tamil guerrilla faction last Sunday in Ampara.

### Not enchanting

## Poetic robbers

DHAKA, Nov 10. (Reuters): Robbers in Bangladesh are turning to poetry and song to encourage victims to part with their cash.

The Banglar Bani newspaper said today that villagers in the Kaliganj sub-district near Dhaka sought help from police after they received threats from robbers "written in poetry."

Would-be extortionists sent recorded songs to wealthy farmers asking for protection money to ward off attacks.

"They are good to listen to but the lyrics are not at all enchanting," a police officer said.

### No wave in Indian polls

## Rural vote vital

SANOLI, India, Nov 10. (AP): Most days, 45-year-old Savitri Devi spends her time cooking, drawing water from the village well and cleaning her one-storey brick house.

But two weeks from now, millions like Devi in the country's dusty farming villages will decide who should govern the world's most populous democracy.

More than three-fourths of India's 498 million voters live in villages, making the rural vote the most important voting bloc for each party in the elections on Nov 22, 24 and 26.

The burden of choosing, however, rests lightly on Devi's shoulders.

"I'll vote for whoever my husband votes for," she said in Hindi, sitting in the warmth of the November sun on a rope cot outside her home.

Devi expressed resentment at the governing Congress Party, which she blamed for the high price of sugar and the cutting down of the forest outside the village.

The men of Sanoli, a village of 2,000 people 110 kilometres (70 miles) southwest of New Delhi, talked of wider issues but their political leanings soon escalated into acerbic arguments.

"The village is in the northern state of Rajasthan and has usually been considered a Congress Party stronghold."

"These people do not know what they are talking about," said 72-year-old Hari Krishan Sharma, pointing to a group of villagers who derided his support for the Congress Party. "I am a wise elephant surrounded by barking dogs."

"What will you give water to? To a tree firmly planted in the soil or to a sapling which will be blown away in the next storm?" asked Sharma, the village priest.

The smile was a graphic portrayal of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's promise of stability in government if he and the Congress Party are returned to power.

But others sitting on a raised platform outside the village temple were unconvinced.

Budh Ram, a wiry mustachioed farmer, said two years of rule by the opposition had given more benefits to the village than the 39 years of rule by the Congress Party.

"We voted the Congress to power in the last elections. The candidate is my sister's brother-

in-law. But he hasn't visited the village once in these five years. He'll be routed this time," Ram predicted.

"Only senile old men like him will vote for the Congress now," he said, gesticulating toward Sharma.

Usually divided opposition parties have united for the second time in history to fight the Congress Party.

The previous attempt was briefly successful, when the opposition dislodged the Congress Party from power in 1977. But the fragile unity soon disintegrated and mid-term polls were called in 1980, which were won by the Congress Party.

The opposition's plank this year is accusations of corruption in government and inept administration.

The viewpoint has been brought to Sanoli by word-of-mouth or read in newspapers by the few literate people in the village. Television and radio are controlled by the state and little anti-government news is broadcast.

"The people tilling the fields go to sleep hungry," Ram said. "The Congress lives luxuriously and spends fortunes in hotels. Where has the money from Bofors gone?"

The reference was to opposition charges that senior Congress politicians and government officials received millions of dollars in kickbacks from the Swedish firm, AB Bofors, for a \$1.4 billion contract to supply artillery guns to the Indian army.

There has been no clinching evidence but the charges have emerged as a rallying cry for the opposition and is the single largest complaint against Rajiv's administration. The prime minister has denied the charges and says he is not personally involved.

Also at stake is the government's involvement in the ethnic strife in neighbouring Sri Lanka, where at least 1,100 Indian peacekeeping soldiers have been killed in fighting Tamil rebels.

The issue is live in Sanoli because five young men from the village have died in Sri Lanka.

Despite the rhetoric, most villagers agree that the elections will be close.

"There is no wave this time," said Sharma, the priest. "Whoever wins, it will be close."

## Pakistan to hold largest military exercise

ISLAMABAD, Nov 10. (AP): Some 200,000 servicemen from the Pakistani Army and Air Force will hold the biggest exercises in their 42-year history starting in mid-December.

India, a neighbour and traditional rival, is building up its border force in response, but diplomats predict the moves on both sides of the border will cause the tensions that past exercises have.

Brig. Riazullah, chief of the Pakistani Military Intelligence Services public relations department, said the war games codenamed "Zarb-e-Momin," which is Urdu for "the blow of the perfect Muslim," will test new tactics and weapons.

Officials have not disclosed details or announced a starting date.

Riaz told the Associated Press that they will involve one armored and seven infantry divisions in central Pakistan, at least 120 miles (200 km) from the eastern border with India.

The air force will conduct simultaneous operations under the codename "Highmark."

Indian war games along the frontier in January 1987, called "Operation Bras Tacks," triggered a Pakistani counter-mobilisation. Both sides eventually withdrew peacefully.

Riaz said the Pakistani exercises will be held in a north-south corridor defined by the Indus and Chenab rivers in western Punjab province. The area abuts an Indian-controlled section of disputed Jammu-Kashmir state.

"I don't think these will cause the tensions we saw in 1987," Riaz said.

First Secretary Dilip Sinha at the Indian embassy in Islamabad said his government agreed.

"No, we don't see it as a threat," Sinha said. Nevertheless, a senior Indian military officer in southern Jammu-Kashmir said that additional troops and tanks were being stationed along the border to "deal with any eventuality."



# GCC military exercises in Kuwait next month

Standards to be raised: Nawaf

KUWAIT, Nov 10, (Kuna): Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber has announced that the ministry is currently studying programmes and plans to raise the standard of military and civil sectors.

Interviewed by Kuna, Sheikh Nawaf emphasised that the new plans fall within the context of the ministry's developmental programmes seeking to cope with changes in modern military and civil technology.

He indicated that their inspirations in this regard are unlimited but implementation and realisation of those targets need time and thorough study.

The defence minister stated that the ministry was emphasising the building of the "human factor" who is the basic element in the state of change to cope with developments of military technology.

The attainment of this objective, Sheikh Nawaf went on, would be realised gradually and through phases. "A timetable would be set for implementation of our priorities and that would be the guideline to achieve the Defence Ministry's programmes of promotion," he said.

Sheikh Nawaf reiterated the keenness of HH the Amir, the Supreme Commander of the



Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed

Armed Forces, and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah on boosting the general standard of performance of Kuwait's army by providing all necessary requirements.

Sheikh Nawaf commended the outcome of the recent meeting in Riyadh by the Gulf Co-operation Council's defence ministers and described the meeting as "fruitful and important" adding that it had tackled many issues of interest.

He stressed that views of GCC ministers were identical to a great

extent during deliberations on items on the agenda of the meeting "a matter that enables us to end the discussion earlier than the previously fixed schedule."

## Arms

"Most of proposals referred to the ministers by the GCC chiefs of staff have been endorsed and very few of them were postponed for further study and revision prior to implementation," Sheikh Nawaf said.

On the need for building military production industry in the GCC states, the minister pointed out that this goal needs time to be turned into reality, but he said such "an ambitious project" could start by manufacturing munitions and light weapons rather than heavy military arms.

However, he added, the formula now under discussion by the six member states regarding this issue is based on the principle of integration and well-balanced distribution of the proposed industry among the GCC states.

He said the six member countries were of the belief that military manoeuvres among their forces must continue, adding that joint military exercises for GCC air, land and sea units are scheduled to be conducted in Kuwait next month.

## Research underscored at desalination conference

### Establishment of fund emphasised

KUWAIT, Nov 10, (AP): An international conference on desalination has recommended that Gulf countries pool funds to finance research on water resources and the pollutive impact of desalination plants.

The 4th World Congress on Desalination and Water Recycling also called on the Washington-based international desalination association to help revive a dialogue between the European Commu-

## Scientific efforts

The GCC groups Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates. More than 500 specialists from five continents took part in the 5-day conference.

ity and the Gulf Co-operation Council to co-ordinate activities, said a final communique issued Wednesday at the end of the conference.

Traditional subterranean water reserves of the GCC states are depleting and these countries diverted chunks of their oil wealth after the 1973 oil boom to finance desalination plants with a combined capacity of more than one billion gallons per day.

"The conference emphasises the need for establishing funds to finance research

projects in various fields of desalination, particularly in the GCC countries, in view of the importance of co-ordinating scientific efforts aimed at resolving problems of water resources in the region," the communique said.

"It is imperative that efforts be made to rationalise water uses and enhance water conservation in view of the high cost of producing such water," it said.



Shamran tours commercial college

Minister of Higher Education and board chairman of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Muhallan, visited the Commercial Studies College accompanied by the director of the authority Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Muhallan. Shamran praised the co-operation between the college students council and the administration.



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Pictured above are Alain Khouri (left) and Samman.

## Failaka exploration plan

KUWAIT, Nov 10, (Kuna): Information Undersecretary, Abdul Aziz Jaafar yesterday received at his office here head of the French mission for exploration of Failaka archaeological sites Dr Jean Francois Salle and mission members.

The two officials reviewed the exploration plan for the current season starting from November

11 and will last till December 15. Jaafar asserted that the ministry will provide all necessary facilities to enable the mission realise its goal.

The meeting was attended by director of the archaeological department and museums Ibrahim Taher Al Baghli and assistant director Dr Fahd Abdul Rahman Al Waheeb.

## From the courts

# 5 years remand detention for youth who killed brother

A YOUTH has been sentenced to five years at the Home for Delinquents and deportation afterwards on a charge of murdering his brother with a knife.

The Juveniles Court was told that the youth came home to find his telephone out of order and accused his brother of breaking it. He told his brother to repair the telephone but he refused. They began exchanging blows when their mother came in and separated them. The two brothers then left the house.

The mother was surprised when one son returned with his body smeared with blood and holding a knife in his hand. He told his mother he had been stabbed by his brother with the knife. The victim was taken to hospital and died later.

The mother reported the incident to the police and the other son was arrested and tried.

## Sex assault charge dismissed

A MAN who was accused of attempted sexual assault of a six year old boy was proved innocent by the child.

The defendant told the court he was driving his car when he saw a boy waving his hand for a ride. He stopped the car and the boy told him he wanted to learn how to drive. He said he allowed the boy to enter the car and drove with the boy sitting on his lap. He then told the boy to sit beside him and took him to his house.

The two elder brothers saw the boy getting out of the car and reported the incident to the police.

During investigation the boy collaborated the statement of the driver.

## 5 years for drug dealer

A MAN has been sentenced to five years hard labour, a fine of KD1,020, and deportation after serving his sentence. He had been charged with dealing in narcotics and owning an unlicensed revolver.

CID men had been following and checking the

activities of the man after they discovered he dealt in narcotics.

A plainclothes policeman then took marked bills and asked the man for narcotics. He was arrested and a revolver found in his house.

He was referred to the authorities for further investigation and then sent for trial.

## 7 years, fine for drug smuggler

A MAN was sentenced to seven years in jail with hard labour, followed by deportation, and ordered to pay a fine of KD1,600 for smuggling narcotics into the country.

The court was told that the incident was reported to the authorities by the customs inspector at Kuwait International Airport.

The man had arrived at Kuwait airport and the customs inspector did not find anything in his suitcase, but was suspicious because of the interior padding of the suitcase. He then opened a small space in the bottom and found the interior of the suitcase contained hashish.

The hashish was estimated at KD110,700.

The man admitted he had brought the hashish from Pakistan to sell in Kuwait.

## Case hearings

THE case of a non-Kuwaiti accused of attempting to rape a minor girl at Mangaf area will be heard by the Criminal Court on Nov 19.

Also the hearing in the case of a man accused of killing his son for failing to pass the secondary school examination has been postponed to Nov 29 by the Criminal Court.

The court, which held a hearing on Thursday under the chairmanship of Judge Mohammed Al Mutairi, postponed the hearing at the request of the defence lawyer.

The defendant had been released earlier on a bail of KD150.

## Jurists open talks in Rabat

### Legal matters reviewed

RABAT, Nov 10, (Kuna): Judicial talks between a visiting Kuwaiti delegation and Moroccan officials opened here yesterday to discuss aspects of legal co-operation between the two countries.

The talks were co-chaired by Kuwait's Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs Dhari Al Othman and his Moroccan counterpart Mustafa Belarabi in the presence of senior justice officials from both sides.

Speaking at the start of the meeting, the Moroccan justice minister praised the significant and developing relations between Morocco and Kuwait and expressed readiness to exchange legal experience and experts with Kuwait, which have an identical judicial system.

Reciprocating, Minister Dhari thanked the Moroccan government for the cordiality accorded him and his entourage, hoping for exchange of future

visits among officials in both countries and making use of Morocco's judicial experience.

Following the exchanges, both sides settled to review a number of judicial and legal matters dealing with bilateral exchange between the two countries.

At the end of the first round of official talks, the Kuwaiti delegation paid a visit to the National Institute for Legal Studies where between 80 and 100 judges receive training annually.

Minister Dhari Al Othman praised at the end of the visit the institute's pioneer role, hoping that Kuwait would be able to establish a similar institute in future.

Othman and the accompanying delegation are expected to pay an inspection visit to the Supreme Court of Appeal in Casablanca where they are to be briefed by officials on judicial work.

Meanwhile, the 7th session of Arab Justice Ministers is due to start here next Monday.

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## Red Cross inaction in Palestine criticised

KUWAIT, Nov 10, (Kuna): Three Palestinian medical doctors from the occupied Palestinian land criticised here today the passive role of the International Red Cross in extending medical aid to the Palestinian people under the Israeli occupation.

At a press conference held here yesterday, the doctors Rustom Al Nimiri, Mohammed Abu Shahla and Mamdouh Al Ker said they requested the Red Cross time and again to provide medications, equipment and other treatment requirements but they always received the same answer that Israel was obstructing their activities.

The Palestinian doctors are currently visiting here for participation in the 8th Medical Conference of the Kuwaiti Medical Society.

They said they met here with the Director General of Kuwait Red Crescent Society Barges Hmoud Al Barges and asked him to exert pressure on the international organisation to bear responsibility for implementing the fourth Geneva Convention relating to war-injured people.

## Atrocities

The Palestinian doctors pointed out the Israeli inhuman practices against the Palestinian citizens in the occupied land such as: firing at ambulances, obstructing transfer of wounded people to hospitals, arresting injured persons from hospital and hurling tear-gas bombs inside operating rooms.

Israeli authorities, they added, seized equipment from hospitals, and arrested doctors and medical staffers so as to hinder treatment and rescue of victims.

The world must know that the Israelis have been shooting the Palestinians from very close distances and in a cold-blooded manner, they said, and urged Arab popular organisations to step up their support for the people of Palestine.

There are at least 60,000 injured Palestinians receiving medical care at popular hospitals which lack equipment and necessary medications, they said, noting that there are more than 100 handicapped persons who urgently need treatment at specialised hospitals which are not available in the occupied land.

## Duaj in Rome

ROME, Nov 10, (Kuna): Chairman and Director-General of Kuwait's Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Duaj Al-Sabah arrived here to attend the Food and Agriculture Organisation's annual meetings.

Sheikh Duaj is the ambassador to Italy, Kuwait's delegate to Fao and senior embassy staff. Sheikh Ibrahim told Kuna that the Fao conference would discuss world food security and related environmental issues. He said the conference would be a good opportunity for holding meetings between the Group of 77, the Arab group, Islamic countries and the Gulf Co-operation Council member state with the aim of co-ordinating positions.

## Action Line

I AM a professional working for a private company for the past two years. I would like to leave this company because they do not pay the salaries on time.

My questions are: Can I come back to Kuwait on a new visa right away or do I have to wait another year?

Can another company arrange a new visa for me before I resign from my present company?

I have an open contract with my present company whereby I can leave after giving 15 days notice. Can my present employer prevent my returning to Kuwait on a new visa by any means?

V.S.

YOU can come back on a new visa in case you cancel your residence with the present company. But prior to that you have to obtain a new visa by which you can re-enter Kuwait.

A company who is willing to employ any person should obtain a new work visa No. 18.

According to your contract you can give 15 days notice before you resign. But this does not mean the company can prevent you from entering Kuwait, if they cancel your residence permit.

I CAME here to Kuwait Aug 14, 1984. My designation is plumber. During that time I did not have any knowledge about the visa No. 20 which I am holding. Since that time I was assigned to assist a plumbing contractor. Until last year I was doing the left overs of the contractor's work. As of now my work is as a construction and reconstruction plumber and I am assigned to maintain my employer's buildings. I am seeking for any benefit like service payment. I want your help to clear this matter.

R.V. Piatos

YOU are working with your sponsor, as a plumber and holding a visa No. 20. This is against the immigration rules. You should have a work permit No. 18 that enables you to work as a plumber and not a domestic helper's visa No. 20. However, you did not mention anything about the contract between you and your employer that decides your salary and the nature of your work in Kuwait. Such payment is decided according to the written contract between you and the employer.

It is better for you to discuss the matter in a friendly way with your employer in order to clear your predicament.

MY SON who completed 12 years of secondary school studies in Kuwait has gone to India in June '89 to study medicine in a private college there. He is having visa No. 22 valid up to Feb '92. According to the new rules anybody going for studies out of Kuwait has to apply for permission prior to his departure from Kuwait. My son was not sure of his admission when he went to India in June '89 and that is why he could not apply for permission for overstay more than six months outside Kuwait. Now after his admission in India, he could get a certificate from his college. Due to rush of studies, it will not be possible for him to come to Kuwait before Jan 1990. He will be completing six months out of Kuwait during Dec 1989. I thus want to get permission from the Ministry of Interior, well in advance, for his stay out of Kuwait beyond six months without cancellation of his residence visa.

Please let me know the complete procedure, authorities to be approached and the documents required at each stage to get this permission. Can I carry the procedure on his behalf, or is his presence required in Kuwait for this purpose?

B.S. Saxena

RESIDENCE permit is automatically cancelled for those who overstay outside Kuwait for more than six months. But in your case you can approach the Immigration Department and explain your case. According to Col Ahmed Al Wobaih, director-general of the General Immigration Administration, in an interview during July 11, 1989 he said that expatriates who have their children and are forced to stay for over six months and have valid residence can apply for permission to stay outside Kuwait.

They have to obtain a certificate from the institution of study, attested by the Kuwait embassy in that country and then from Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kuwait and later apply to the concerned immigration department in any of the four governorates.

The official said that boys who reach 21 years of age even if they are studying abroad, cannot get their residence permits renewed. So in your case you have to submit the required certificate mentioned above and apply for your son at the immigration department.

PLEASE let me know the international subscriber code for the city in India — Shalagar.

Nafisa

THIS required information is not listed in the directory.

I CAME to Kuwait on visa No. 20 in Nov 1985. But since I arrived to Kuwait, I never worked in my sponsor's house due to my previous experience of office work. So I have been working in the office as messenger until I convinced her to change my visa to No. 18. Early this year, my sponsor gave me visa No. 18 that was in March. So I went home and came with a written contract.

I have a written agreement of salary KD 150 with written approval authenticated by my embassy.

Before my sponsor gave me KD 110, basic KD 100 plus KD 10 for transportation, but deducted KD 10 and paid me KD 100 upto the present time.

Do I have the right to ask for a release from him and join another company without going back to my country?

Do I have the right to complain about my salary which I am supposed to get?

Can I come back to Kuwait in the same year with new visa after cancelling the old one which was issued lately by my old sponsor without any problem?

YOU can complain at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour provided with the contract between you and your sponsor that states he has to pay you KD 150 as monthly salary. You can file a case and ask for the difference. Also you can re-enter Kuwait with a new visa after cancelling the old one. This cancellation of visa has to be approved by your sponsor.

MY THREE children are listed with their mother's passport. Two of them are studying in Pakistan and my wife would like to come with one child just to cover six months stay period and she will again come with all the children during their summer holidays for three months. I want to know if it will have any effect on the residence of other two children. Is it important to bring all the children in six months or it will be all right to have Kuwait entry once in six months with any child, as there is only one passport for the mother and all the children.

Waleed Butt FIRST of all, your family can come before the end of the six month period to Kuwait. Regarding both sons who are studying abroad you can get a permission from the Immigration Department, provided by a authenticated certificate from your country showing they are studying abroad. If you get that permission from the Immigration Department then your sons can stay for more than six months abroad and re-enter Kuwait without cancelling their residence.

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# India has no intention to police SE Asia, says Bedi

## INS Gomati, Shakti on goodwill visit

By Lima Al Khalafawi  
Arab Times staff

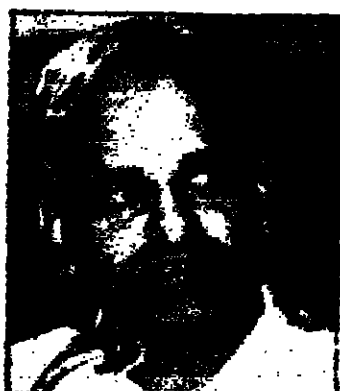
INDIA has no intention of becoming the policeman of South-East Asia, Rear Admiral Indjit Bedi, AVSM, the Flag Officer Commanding India's Western Fleet, said on Thursday. He stressed that India was increasing its naval forces to protect its own interests only.

Rear Admiral Bedi was speaking at a press conference held on board the INS Gomati, which is on a goodwill visit to Kuwait.

"India has not begun exporting weapons so far but would like to enter the defence export field in areas in which India is competitive," he said, quoting the Indian defence minister.

Regarding the situation in the Gulf waters, he said they had been exercising on the way. He said the mines had been cleared and they did not find any floating mines.

They met with three American ships but no British ones, he added. Asked about the possibility of making commercial deals with Kuwait, he said there



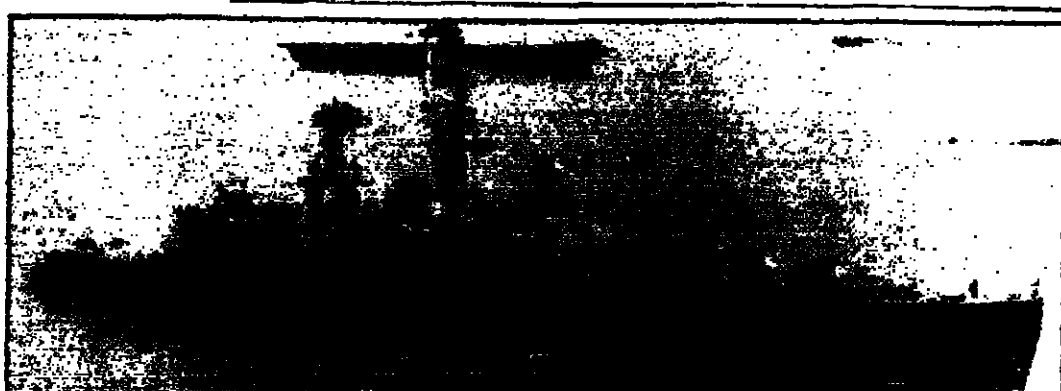
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were no commercial officials on board. But India would welcome anything that came as a result of the visit.

### Strides

He said that since independence, India had made rapid strides in shipbuilding and today, the state-owned shipyards in Bombay, Calcutta, Vishakhapatnam and Goa were building men-of-war and merchant vessels to world standards.

In keeping with national policy, the Indian navy, working

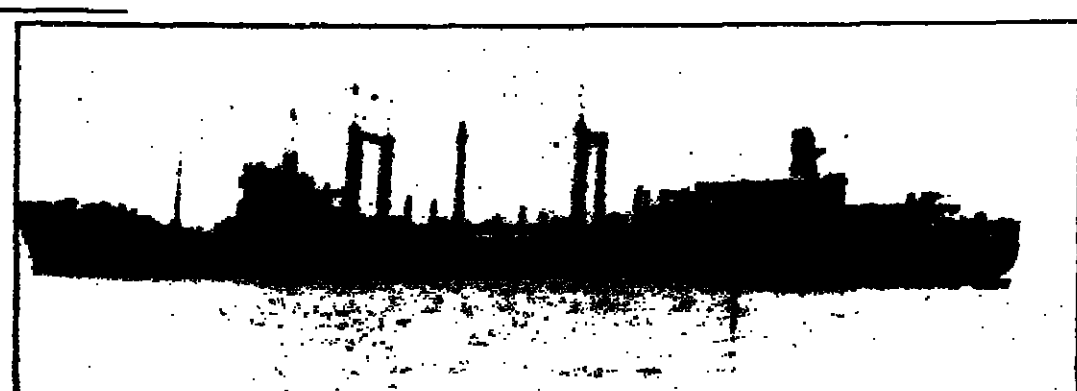


The INS Gomati — a powerful frigate.

in co-operation with ship-building yards, had achieved a commendable degree of self-reliance and self-sufficiency.

Rear Admiral Bedi said that INS Gomati, a powerful new guided-missile frigate, was commissioned in April 1988. It was part of the navy's Western Fleet.

The ship is manned by a crew of nearly 30 officers and 300 sailors who come from different parts of India and belong to various ethnic groups. All religions are represented on board.



INS Shakti, special supply ship.

Gomati is the third of the Godavari class of frigates built at Mazgaon Docks.

The ship is of Indian design and 80 per cent of the machinery and equipment has been manufactured by well-known Indian private sector organisations and companies, such as the Defence Research and Development Laboratory and Bharat Electronics Limited, while the boilers were fabricated at the Naval Dockyard, Bombay.

He said the ship was fitted with a modern computer-aided action

information system. It was the first Indian navy vessel to be fitted with this complete modern system and also with modern recovery and traversing systems for helicopters.

### Sonar

The ship carries two helicopters for anti-submarine and anti-ship operations. It was also fitted with long range surface-to-surface missiles, surface-to-air missiles, and medium range and close range rapid firing anti-missile guns, in addition to six tor-

pedo tubes. For submarine detection it has the latest sonar equipment of Indian design, and carries modern electronic warfare equipment.

Rear Admiral Bedi said Mazgaon Docks Ltd was taken over by the Government of India in 1960, and has since grown into a multi-unit multi-production organisation.

It embarked upon a major warship construction programme in 1966 with the Lander class frigates. At present the dock is constructing larger frigates;

these will be the first frigates with gas turbine propulsion to be constructed in India.

Construction of the first powerful missile boats was undertaken in 1987, and the first two in the series are under construction.

The Mazgaon Docks has also designed and built a number of offshore patrol vessels for the coast guards.

In January 1984, it started construction of submarines for the Indian navy.

The conference was attended

by Captain K M S Rajan, Commanding Officer of INS Gomati, and Captain Rajendra Pal Singh, Commanding Officer of the Indian navy supply ship Shakti.

INS Shakti was specially built for the Indian navy in 1976 by the West German Navy Yard.

The ship is 553 feet long and 75 feet wide, and has a landing pad for helicopters.

It carries a large quantity of oil for refuelling naval ships and a large inventory of spare parts.

It has a hospital and dental facilities on board.



Official talks between Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah and the visiting Egyptian Minister Zaki Bader.

## Bader calls for more security co-operation

### Kuwait-Egypt to enhance anti-drug effort

VISITING Egyptian Interior Minister Lt-Gen. Zaki Bader has said that the talks he held with his Kuwaiti counterpart Sheikh Salem Al Sabah had, among other things, dealt with the problem of drugs, international terrorism and gangs involved in forging passports and money and other similar crimes which negatively affects the world economy.

Speaking at a press conference at Bayan Palace Thursday evening, Lt-Gen. Bader expressed his satisfaction with the talks he had held with Sheikh Salem, which he described as serving the interests of both countries in particular and the interests of the world community in general. He called for more co-operation between Kuwait and Egypt whereby to be able to deal with the existing security situation in the world.

He said, "We as securitymen, we do not view the events in the international arena with spectator's eyes, but we derive from these events inspiration for our security plans and programmes."

He commended the level of diligence shown by the Kuwaiti cadets currently studying at Egyptian military academies and institutes. These cadets have shown a marked interest and continue their endeavours to excel in their field, Bader said.

He called for all-out international co-operation in the field of combating drugs, pointing out that only through close and fierce co-operation would it be possible to put an end to drug trafficking.

He hoped that drug dealers would undergo an awakening of the consciousness and return to God and consequently cut back their greed.

Bader said that extremism is described as anything stretched beyond its natural dimensions, whether reduced to a deviation or aggression and that religious extremism could apply to Muslims, as much as it could to Jews or Christians in Egypt.

He accused Iran of having supported certain types of religious extremism in Egypt in the past and that it as such provided financial and military aid.

He said so many countries used extremism as a central part of their plans and means to collective execution but the vigilance of the security organs and the co-operation between governments in this sphere have been effectively capable of confronting these moves.

Bader stressed that freedom of expression should not allow people to violate the law and that practising democracy is one thing and practising chaos is a totally different dimension.



Bader during his visit to the Interior Ministry Computer Centre.

Bader called upon the Egyptian currency traders in Kuwait to stop their illegal trade because it harms the Egyptian economy. He added that the Egyptian security authorities have recently been handed over an Egyptian currency trader from Kuwait within the framework of their security co-operation.

He added that Egypt will be handed over more people and is planning to apply for the hand over of other traders if they continue their trade.

About fighting drugs, Bader said that Egypt is co-operating with many Arab and foreign countries to fight against drug trafficking and the anti-drug department men can travel to several countries to combine their anti-drug efforts. He said that recently Egyptian anti-drug men moved to Turkey and helped seize a huge quantity of heroin and other drugs. He said that some others are on their way to Iraq to do the same.

Bader emphasised that security in Egypt is well established and very stable. He declared that there "is no fear about Egypt's security." About the arrest of Israeli spies in Egypt, Bader said that such spying activities are individual cases and that it won't affect diplomatic relations.

A round of talks between Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah and Zaki Bader was held earlier on at the Interior Ministry headquarters.

The two sides reviewed security co-operation and exchange of visits of security officials between the two countries to enhance efforts toward combating drug trafficking and smuggling and to develop mutual co-operation in the police field. A follow up committee was also established in this context.

The meeting was attended by Interior Ministry Undersecretary Maj. Gen. Youssef Bader Al Khorafi, Assistant

Undersecretary for Police Affairs Maj. Gen. Mohammed Ahmed Al Qabandi, Assistant Undersecretary for Public Security Affairs Maj. Gen. Abdul Aziz Ismail Jumma, Assistant Undersecretary for Immigration and Passport Affairs Hajji Muzain, Assistant Undersecretary for Finance and Administrative Affairs Abdullah Abdul Aziz Al Hadeeb, Director General for the Public Department for State Security Brigadier Fahad Al Fahad and Director General of the minister's office Brigadier Yaqoub Al Sijari.

The Egyptian side to the meeting comprised assistant interior minister, Assistant Director General of State Security Department Maj. Gen. Mustafa Abdul Qadir, Assistant Minister for the Minister's Office Affairs Maj. Gen. Abdul Rahim Al Hareedi, Assistant Minister, Deputy Commander of the Security Forces Maj. Gen. Samir Fouad and Egyptian Ambassador to Kuwait Saeed Mahmoud Rafat.

The visiting minister also toured the Interior Ministry's computer centre with Sheikh Salem.

The centre's director Fahd Jaafar and senior officers welcomed and accompanied the ministers during the tour.

Bader lauded the centre's highly advanced technological methods and efficient performance of staffers.

Undersecretary of the Interior Ministry Maj. Gen. Youssef Al Khorafi, Assistant Undersecretary Mohammed Al Qabandi and other senior officials accompanied the ministers.

The Governor of Ahmadi Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem yesterday held a luncheon in honour of the visiting Egyptian Interior Minister and his accompanying delegation.

The banquet was attended by Lt-Gen Abdul Aziz Ismael, assistant undersecretary and senior ministry officials.

## Air-fares battle still rages on in Kuwait

THE increase in the price of air tickets did not hurt travellers and was good for the companies, the Secretary-General of the Union of Travel and Tourism Agencies, Tarek Al Naqeb, said.

He added that the increase in price was a decision taken by the airline companies in Kuwait.

He said that postponing the application of the article dealing with the price issue in the law organising the air transport market had led to continuing of the illegal rivalry and speculation among local travel and tourism agencies. This postponement would nullify the objectives of the Union.

The problem was obviously due to the existence of 130 travel and tourism agencies in the country, while the market was very small. This resulted in most travel agencies sacrificing their commission of between eight and nine per cent, adding that this led most agencies to the verge of collapse.

### Competition

He called on owners of these agencies to abide by the customary discount in order to avoid illegal competition in the market. He said the Union had a meeting recently with the owners of some travel agencies in order to unify prices.

Regarding the Union's role in solving such problems, he said the Union had no legal status, and was only authorised to present the situation and make recommendations to officials of the Directorate of Civil Aviation, Kuwait Airways Corporation and the service ministries.

## INA celebrates 30th anniversary

KUWAIT, Nov 10, (Kuna): Chairman of the Federation of Arab News Agencies (Fana) Barges Al Barges yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to general director of the Iraq News Agency Adnan Jabouri on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of INA.

Barges expressed Fana's pride for INA's efforts during the past three decades in the service of Iraq and the Arab world.

He also commended the role of the Iraqi agency in the activities of Fana since its establishment.

## Noticeable development in agricultural sector: Usman

THERE has been noticeable development in the agricultural sector of Kuwait during the past few years due to the support of His Highness the Amir, of His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, and the chairman of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources, Sheikh Ibrahim Dujai Al Sabah.

The chairman of the Agricultural Products Company, Khalid Al Usman, added that this development had been achieved despite the natural challenges facing local agriculture.

He said that more development will be achieved in future in the agricultural sector.

Statistics showed that Kuwait had achieved self-sufficiency in some agricultural products specially, during the peak months, in tomato and cucumber. The local production of cucumber reached about 10,000 tons a year and tomato about 14 tons, and surplus was exported to some foreign countries.

He stressed that people preferred local products to foreign ones because of freshness. The local products reached consumers daily while imported agricultural products reach after ten days, he said.

### Support

Usman pointed out that company offers different kinds of support for farmers such as distribution of seeds, fertilisers and chemicals at low prices. It has special centre at Rai, Wafra and Abdali for this purpose.

The company also offers financial facilities and loans to farmers to develop their agricultural

production. It also offers marketing services for farmers and transportation for their products from farms to markets, and exports the surplus products to several Arab and foreign countries to avoid the collapse of their prices in the local market.

The company is studying the ability to establish food industries such as pickles from the surplus.

The company will continue its policy to open more markets and centres to market the local agriculture products and encourages areas to have their own stalls at the vegetable market.

It will play a role in controlling prices of local vegetables at the markets, he said.

### Efforts

Usman pointed out that agricultural bodies and companies should unify their efforts to serve the local agricultural sector. There should be more marketing centres and markets to sell the local products in order to reach all consumers in the country.

The co-operative societies should encourage local products by marketing them in their supermarkets. The state should also reduce dependence on the imported substitutes, he said.

Usman called on farmers to diversify their products and reduce dependence on planting certain main products.

Local markets suffered from a scarcity of some products while there was a surplus of other products. This led to increasing prices of scarce items and lower prices of abundant products, Usman said.



Wounded Afghan children stop over

Thirty Afghan children transited through Kuwait International Airport yesterday on their way to Frankfurt for medical treatment from wounds they received in fighting between pro- and anti-Afghan government forces.

The children's flight from New Delhi to Frankfurt is sponsored by Kuwait Airways in co-operation with the International Peace Village Institution (IPVI) headquartered in West Germany.

Speaking to Kuna, the head of the medical team Ronald Forten said his institution co-operated with the Afghan Red Crescent and brought the children from the capital Kabul to New Delhi.

He added that the medical team accompanying the batch of Afghan children comprises one doctor

and three nurses who will remain in Frankfurt until treatment of injuries is completed.

The institution, he pointed out, has helped hundreds of children including Palestinian, Lebanese, Nicaraguan and Vietnamese get their badly needed medical assistance in foreign countries.

IPVI works with local humanitarian organisations and depends on donations from non-governmental organs and private sources, according to Forten who also said that a Kuwaiti individual donated a large amount of money to IPVI and preferred to be anonymous.

Kuwait Red Crescent Society, he added, has recently begun to co-operate with IPVI.

## Fisheries development

## UN-sponsored course at Bahrain University

By Yakub Razzaque  
Arab Times staff

BAHRAIN is currently hosting a United Nations-sponsored regional fish inspection and quality assurance training course at the Bahrain University. About 30 trainees including senior fisheries officials from 14 Arab countries are attending the course which has been organised by Infomak (Fish Marketing Information, Promotion and Technical Advisory Service) in co-operation with the Bahrain fisheries directorate. The course is being funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and its executing agency Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

Lectures during the training programme are being conducted by professors of biology section of Bahrain University and a specialist from the island's directorate of fisheries, while a selected panel of Arab and foreign experts recruited by FAO are administering and directing the course.

According to Bahrain-based regional office of Infomak, the purpose of the fisheries training course is to educate the participants on the organisation and implementation of national inspection and quality programme for Arab countries. The training is aimed at making delegates fully aware of the need for the establishment of an efficient national programme of fish inspection and quality assurance for fishery products.

"The training programme hopes to contribute to a substantial improvement in self-reliance and development of the fisheries sector by strengthening the capabilities in fish inspection and quality control," said Izzat Feidi, project manager of Infomak.

At a reception held at the Holiday Inn during the opening ceremony, Dr Carlo Lima Des Santos, FAO representative from Rome, described the basic objective of this course as an effort to "spread the message" of developing and promoting all aspects of fish production and marketing in the Arab world. He added that the course strived to establish and develop curricula in quality control and assurance of fisheries in the region.

Wali Khan Wali, resident representative of UNDP in Bahrain, in a speech praised the role of Infomak in Bahrain as well as in other Arab countries as very positive. Hassan Al Nusuf, undersecretary at the Ministry of Commerce and Agriculture also attended the opening ceremony.

This is the fourth regional Arab fisheries training course to be held by Infomak and the second in Bahrain. Similar training course was also conducted in Tunis and Cairo.

Infomak was formed in Bahrain in 1986. According to 1987 data total fish production in the GCC countries stood at 262,867 million tons. With the help of Infomak respective countries in the Gulf are expected to explore and capitalise on the considerable potential of fish production and increase in output to meet existing demand, thereby reducing imports by the end of this century.

## New computer service for subscribers

A NEW computerised service for telephone subscribers will be offered by Kuwait's Ministry of Communications according to ministry sources.

They said the new service will enable subscribers to receive and send computer data and information both inside and outside Kuwait very quickly.

The ministry has installed all the necessary equipment in different areas of Kuwait and these will be linked with the Telecommunication Centre (main central).

The sources said that local banks, investment companies, scientific establishments and airline agencies will benefit from the new service, as well as companies and institutions that depend in their activities on the exchange of data by computer.

The local network will be linked with some international networks to cover most countries.

## PLO seminar

THE PLO has selected Kuwait as the venue of a seminar to be held from November 29, 1989 until January 3, 1990 on the occasion of the second anniversary of the Palestinian uprising (intifada).

A number of well-known Palestinians, PLO officials, Arab writers and thinkers will take part in the seminar and comment on papers that will be discussed during the sessions.

## Fake dollars

TWO Lebanese citizens have been arrested on the charge of possessing and circulating counterfeit US dollars.

Police investigations led to the capture of the two suspects and to the seizure of 2,900 counterfeit dollar bills, and both suspects were referred along with the bogus money to security authorities.

## Accidents

A THREE-YEAR-OLD Jordanian girl fell off a four-metre high balcony and sustained several injuries.

The girl was rushed to hospital and the accident reported to the Jleeb Al Shiyukh police station.

A 15-year-old youth was injured in the leg when another youth shot him with a hunting rifle.

The wounded teenager was rushed to Shamiya clinic.

A report on the incident has been lodged at the Shuwaik police station.

A maid is reported to have poured boiling water on a two-year-old baby girl.

The child was rushed to hospital.

An Egyptian filed a complaint for this action by his maid at the Fintas police station.

There were 19 traffic accidents in the country on Thursday.

Seven took place in Kuwait City, two in Hawalli, eight in Ahmadi and two in Jahra.

A young man died after being knocked down by a speeding car driven by a woman.

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HE that riseth late must trot all day — Benjamin Franklin, US statesman (1706-1790).

## Scarf row fans flames

Debate on immigration

FATIMA, Leila and Samira are having problems at school.

But while millions of children struggle with maths and reading, these three girls refuse to remove their Islamic headscarves during classes in their French school. They have fanned the flames of a heated debate over religion and immigration.

The row took an international turn on Wednesday when Iran said banning the girls from school for wearing the headscarves as "the height of French hypocrisy."

The girls have not in fact been banned from school, but are sitting alone in the library of the Havez High School, at Creil, north of Paris, while the highest French state organs discuss the complex question of secular education.

"We must not make these three kids the victims or the alibi of a problem that is way over their heads," said philosopher Bernard-Henri Levy.

## Coverage

Intense media coverage of the classroom dispute — which has turned the school playground into a daily battleground for cameramen and photographers — has projected the debate into the national arena.

The socialist government handled the issue clumsily at first, but Prime Minister Michel Rocard responded on Wednesday to a barrage of parliamentary questions by stating that he would not allow French schools to become multi-denominational.

"Some people want to corrupt the meaning of secularism to allow all religions into our schools. That is out of the question. A multi-denominational school is not a secular school," Rocard told the National Assembly.

But 14-year-old Fatima Achaboun, a French citizen of Moroccan origin at the heart of the row, threw the argument back at Rocard in an interview with the daily *Le Figaro* on Thursday, saying French schools already welcomed many religions.

"Jews wear the star of David in school. I can't see why we're not accepted. There are also girls wearing mini-skirts and even some who smoke or take drugs in the toilets," she said, calling for her West Indian headmaster to resign.

Other commentators have pointed to the fact that Christians often wear crosses around their necks, but have not been accused of corrupting the secular status of French schools written into the constitution since 1882.

## Debate

With Islam as France's second biggest religion, the debate has also been linked to the rise of Islamic fundamentalism around the world, and extremists have been accused of being behind the schoolgirls' refusal to take off their headscarves.

Achaboun denied this, saying the Holy Quran instructed women to wear the scarf. "It protects the woman's modesty. I'm not going to leave God behind at the school gate."

The French press has consistently referred to the scarves as *chadors*, the enveloping black garment seen most often in countries like Iran, where Islamic fundamentalism is widespread.

The editor of a radio station for the North African community in Paris warned the French against confusing fundamentalist and moderate Muslim practices.

"Behind all these attacks on a part of Islam — fanaticism — is an implicit attack on the whole religion," said Abdel Aissou. The far-right National Front Party, an important political voice in France, has said the debate is just another symptom of the immigration malaise the country is suffering.

## Immigration

"The debate about the chador, about mosques, should be a debate about immigration," said party leader Jean-Marie Le Pen, whose anti-immigrant stance has revealed a widespread fear of North and West African immigrants to France.

Figures for North African immigrants to France vary widely, but here are believed to be up to two million Algerians and Moroccans living in France. Illegal immigration is estimated to be running at up to 100,000 people a year.

The headscarf debate has brought feminists into the argument, incensed by Danielle Mitterrand, wife of the French president, who has said girls should be allowed the freedom to wear the veils in school.

Mitterrand, a human rights campaigner, was criticised for condoning what many see as a piece of clothing imposed on women not by the Holy Quran, but by fundamentalist Islamic men.

Gisele Halimi, one of the founding members of France's best known anti-racist movement, *Sos Racism*, resigned after it publicly supported the girl's right to wear the scarves.

A group of socialist deputies said Islam should not be singled out "what about Catholicism and other religions. All religions give women secondary status" they said in a statement.

## Sudden change in East Germany

Thousands flock to the West

UNLIKE reform in Poland and Hungary, change in East Germany has been forced suddenly on a rigid communist leadership by the flight of tens of thousands to the West and the breathtaking growth of popular revolt at home.

Some old faces are in the revamped communist party leadership that replaced a politburo which resigned en masse Wednesday. Egon Krenz, East German leader for just three weeks, retained political supremacy — at least until a party congress next year.

But events have spun sharply out of control since East Germany celebrated its 40th birthday just a month ago and 77-year-old Erich Honecker headed up the celebrations.

The first, and most obvious, reason for the East German crisis is the exodus of well over 100,000 East Germans via Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia since Hungary began dismantling fortifications along its border with Austria on May 2.

No other East European state, or any part of the Soviet Union itself, has undergone such a shock as this mass departure. Almost every East German knows a relative, a friend, a doctor, cook or shoemaker who fled West.

The exodus also caught the East German leadership by surprise. According to the West German news weekly *Der Spiegel*, Honecker assured visiting West German politician Johannes Rau just a few months ago that the mood in East Germany was good and the situation under control.

That claim was punctured by the exodus of exactly the young generation Honecker once boasted of raising as proud citizens of the German Democratic Republic.

Honecker, reportedly ailing and probably not in full control since the summer, compounded the popular shock over the exodus by mishandling the exit of East Germans who had taken refuge in the West German Embassy in Prague.

On the night of Oct 3-4, thousands of East Germans stormed the Dresden railway station trying to board the special trains taking the Prague refugees West on a bizarre journey back through their communist homeland.

Riot police beat back the crowds, and battled others on the streets of East Berlin days later when they tried to march for reform during the 40th birthday celebrations.

On the next day, anger at the police and a mixture of shock and hopelessness spawned by the exodus drove 100,000 people on to the streets of Leipzig to demand free elections.

"I'm leaving because of what I saw on the night of October 3-4," said a Leipzig worker caught in the Dresden Station battle by chance and one of the first to take his young family West when East Germany threw open the border to Czechoslovakia last weekend. "That was not what my wife and I expected of life in the GDR, which we were always taught was a peaceful state."

"It was the shock of the exodus that galvanised people into action," said Dana Nemcova, a spokeswoman for the Charter 77 group in Czechoslovakia, where there is increasing discontent with an orthodox communist government.

"And the Germans, once they decide to do something, they always do it thoroughly," added Nemcova.

West Germany, of course, has played its part in the drama. No other Soviet bloc state has a counterpart that acts as a beacon to skilled workers and



East German youngsters held each other to climb up the Berlin Wall as they celebrate the opening of the East German borders yesterday near the Brandenburg Gate. (Reuters wirephoto)

guarantees them a new home in the West.

Other bloc citizens are emigrating if they can — witness the tens of thousands of Jews and ethnic Germans getting out of the Soviet Union — but most have no choice but to work steadily for change at home.

West German radio and television broadcasts received throughout East Germany also influenced events, providing instant news on the exodus or demonstrations and prompting East Germany's own state-run media to open up remarkably quickly.

Other key factors in the swiftness of the revolt have been the government's eroding credibility after the October crackdowns and the absence of large opposition groups to channel the wave of emotion that broke over the country.

In three other Soviet bloc countries, popular anger has been kept in check by tough methods, although people are coming to realise that their rulers could no longer call in Soviet tanks to back a crackdown.

In Romania, President Nicolae Ceausescu rules so harshly that any opposition is quashed at the outset.

In Bulgaria, where 4,000 staged the first pro-democracy rally last week, and in Czechoslovakia, police have so far managed to keep anti-government emotions from getting out of control.

In Hungary, however, there has been "a revolution from within," led by a Communist Party that has now dissolved itself and professes democratic ideals, noted Josef Joffe, foreign editor of the respected *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* newspaper of Munich.

Many Hungarians, while hopeful of democratic change, are more mindful of double-digit inflation than politics and worry about economic woes that have put a quarter of the population below the poverty line.

## Deng steps aside to ensure succession

WESTERN diplomats have described senior leader Deng Xiaoping's resignation as head of China's central military commission as a political sacrifice made to ensure a handpicked successor.

Western diplomats said the full extent of the political horse trading that placed Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin, 63, in charge of China's most powerful military leadership group was still unclear.

Western diplomats said it appeared 85-year-old Deng had succeeded in placing his own man in the top post but failed to convince President Yang Shangkun, who wanted the job, to also resign from the committee.

Yang Shangkun was made first vice-chairman. His younger brother, Yang Baibing, became secretary general of the commission, according to a report by the semi-official *China News Service* monitored in Hong Kong.

"I am surprised that Yang Shangkun did not resign at the same time," said a Western diplomat. "This is a victory for Yang but Deng did this to ensure that his man was in place while he was still alive."

The official new China News Agency reported Deng's resignation at the end of a four-day meeting of the Communist Party's central committee.

The NCNA said Deng also wanted to step down from the much less powerful state military commission which he headed.

Diplomats said Deng would still be the most powerful man in China, wielding influence from behind the scenes despite the loss of his title.

"Deng has seen his powerful decline but he can still influence decisions even without the post," said a diplomat.

"The new titles mean a great deal for Jiang Zemin



Deng Xiaoping: resignation

and Yang Shangkun," he said. "They do not have the same clout that Deng has and they need the mantle of authority."

But the arrangement is apparently a major concession by Deng, whose health has frequently been in question in recent months and whose economic policies are seen as under attack from the party hardliners.

"This is a real balancing act," said another diplomat. "It shows the delicate nature of the party

at its top."

Deng and Yang Shangkun agreed on the use of troops to crush a pro-democracy campaign in June, a move that was pivotal in the ousting of reformist Zhao Ziyang as head of the Communist Party and vice-chairman of the military commission.

But Yang Shangkun, a member of the early group of communist cadres trained in Moscow, is seen as less committed to economic reform than the programme's architect, Deng.

"Deng does not trust Yang and he wants someone more solidly behind his view of reform," said a diplomat.

Yang Shangkun gains support with the promotion of his brother, director of the general political department of the People's Liberation Army.

Liu Huaqing, a career naval officer and deputy secretary general of the commission, was also named a vice-chairman. Liu is seen as a more moderate figure within the military establishment.

Jiang, the latest of Deng's anointed successors, has virtually no military experience.

Before he rocketed to the top of the ruling Communist Party as Zhao's replacement in June, he was mayor and then party chief of Shanghai, China's biggest and most industrialised city.

Though Deng and other party veterans have referred to him as the core of the party, diplomats said it was too early to tell whether he would outlast his mentor.

His two predecessors as party chief, Hu Yaobang and Zhao Ziyang, were once close to Deng but were eventually forced out in internal power struggles.

"Jiang has more clout now with the promotion," said a diplomat. "But once Deng dies, who ultimately holds power is anyone's guess."

## Profile

JIANG ZEMIN, successor to senior leader Deng Xiaoping as chairman of the powerful Central Military Commission, was a surprise choice for China's No. 1 job because of his lack of experience in central party politics and with the military.

But Jiang, chief of China's Communist Party since June, has been described as a low-profile loyalist on whom Deng can rely for support in crushing dissent and safeguarding economic reforms against opposition from hard line Marxists.

Jiang, 62, was elevated to Communist Party general secretary on June 24 after former chief Zhao Ziyang was ousted for allegedly supporting the student-led protests that spread nationwide, posing the largest threat to communist rule in 40 years.

In June, Deng referred to Jiang — former mayor of Shanghai — as the "core of the new leadership" and indicated the Soviet-trained technocrat was his hand-picked successor.

But one Western diplomat said, "the choice of Jiang Zemin as chairman (of the military commission) is a temporary solution to the power struggle taking place in China's leadership. The power struggle will not be completed until Deng disappears from the scene."

Analysts said Deng, 85, despite giving up his last official post, would continue to exercise decision-making power to protect his decade-long economic reform programme. They said his retirement meant younger leaders would be given greater opportunity

to exercise leadership. But analysts questioned Jiang's ability to command support in the army. He has no military experience and little experience in central party politics. Thus his choice was seen as an effort by Deng to balance the increasing influence of aging hard-liners in the leadership.

At the time Jiang was made party chief in June, he was not believed to be aligned with any of the major factions within the leadership.

That and his lack of a personal power base strong enough to give him significant independence decision-making powers appeared to make Jiang the perfect compromise for Deng as he wrestled to stem serious economic problems and avert new outbreaks of political turmoil.

"He is a relatively colourless personality," said a Western diplomat who knows Jiang. "He is a man with a lot of bluster and not very much substance. He appears ideologically to bend with the political wind from Beijing."

Jiang joined the Communist Party in April 1946 during the civil war with the Nationalists and moved steadily through the state industrial bureaucracy to become mayor of Shanghai and the head of the eastern port city's party committee in 1985.

He was brought into the central hierarchy as a member of the Communist Party's politburo in 1987.

Though he is a devout communist, he appears to

have played a role in advancing Deng's economic reform programme, serving after 1980 as party leader in the state commission on import and export affairs and the state administration on foreign investment.

He publicly signalled toward the end of his term as Shanghai mayor his support for the decade-old fiscal policies that have permitted limited private enterprise and a large amount of foreign investment in China.

Returning from a visit to southern coastal provinces where many foreign companies have joint-ventures, Jiang remarked he would like to see Shanghai learn from Guangdong province, where the "open-door policy" was first tested and has shown the best results because of its proximity to the capitalist bastion of Hong Kong.

But his moderation appears to have gone no further.

The decision to make Jiang the new party chief in June indicated he supported China's approach to dealing with pro-democracy protests and Deng's decision to use the army to ruthlessly end the 22-day occupation of Beijing's Tiananmen Square by students demanding democratic reforms, including a free press.

According to his official biography, Jiang was born in July 1926 in Yangzhou, a city in the eastern province of Jiangsu.

## Letters to the editor

## Constructive criticism

SIR: This refers to the letter Sports Festival (AT Nov 7) by Ashraf Islam which calls for a proper reply so that the readers are not confused.

I feel there is no need to argue further citing detailed incidents and evidence where fouls were made and fair play lacked (in such games like musical chair flat race, needle race, cock fight) which have already been evidenced by the conscious public (educated) in the field.

However, it did not go unnoticed that the marshal tried to impose his power by shouting. The public could not make any complaints for he would listen only to his field judges? Isn't this behaviour "out of norm"? Was it not an effort to suppress public opinion? If fairness was strictly followed why were there heated arguments between some parents and field judges?

My letter (AT Nov 4) was a constructive criticism if Ashraf could really understand. The views expressed there, were not indicated to any particular person rather they aimed at putting into alert all concerned towards achieving the best in future. So the questions of destructive criticism or vindictiveness do not arise.

I believe the editor of the Arab Times is prudent enough to disregard vindictive letter (by refusing to publish it) so the attempt to thwart any constructive criticism labelling it as "nasty" and "destructive" is merely an abortive attempt to deny the truth.

If the marshal (as he claims in his letter AT Nov 7) is so sure that some of the judges were not just or biased, what did he really mean by "there could be better judges"? Did he try to say that some judges were capable and some were not? How is he so confident that education immunizes anyone against criticism? The statement he made "it is really nasty to criticise educated people". Does it show any nice (not nasty) attitude towards uneducated people whom it appears he thinks only fit for criticism? It should be noted here that in my letter (Nov 4) the views expressed were about "some judges" only but not others and those "judges" know themselves how far they were correct.

The certificates awarded to the winners are clearly imprinted "Bangladesh Children Sports Kuwait 89" — "Children Sports Championship 1989" bearing the marshal's signature. Doesn't it nullify the claim that the event to be merely a festival?

Now regarding the time factor I would like to mention that in the Registration Form of the participants it is clearly written that "Games will be started at 8 am sharp on 27/10/89 which Ashraf lacked the courage to admit in his reply letter (AT Nov 7).

It was appreciated that the committee spent one month for the preparation of such an informal festival but much time could be saved if the participants were given the sports dresses and tags at least a day before the sports through their local contacts so that the competitors could come to the field fully prepared to start the programme as scheduled. Keeping patience is good but taking patience is unacceptable.

Regarding the question of undermining the committee my expression "merit goes to the organisers and to all those who have poured their sweat for it" is firm enough to negate the false allegation of vindictiveness. Or is it that my statement is untrue to Ashraf Islam?

As all above nullifies the great attempt to gloss over the actual facts, for the interest of the community, further arguments on a personal basis should be stopped here. It should be remembered sports calls for "fairness" not "education".

I accept Ashraf's kind invitation to organise and co-operate with any attempt for community service if he in principle accepts that the educated people are not "angels" that they cannot be criticised and if he understands that criticism paves the path for betterment in future.

Mecaa,  
Farwaniya.

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## Quote me

"The events of this year reflect the manipulation of the 1989 championship by the Fisa. When a senior official publicly makes a statement like that, it is because the intention existed to give support to who needed it."

The intention was to give the championship to Prost. — Brazilian Ayrton Senna blaming the Fisa president for saying McLaren was in favour of him (Senna)

"It has long been my conviction that we can learn far more about the conditions, and values, of a society by contemplating how it chooses to play, to use its free time, to take its leisure, than examining how it goes about its work." — The late baseball commissioner and Yale University president A. Bartlett Giamatti viewing baseball as a metaphor for the American way of life.

"I want to be a mayor who reaches for what's best in our instincts and in our hearts. I want to be a mayor who pushes back the frontiers of fear and helps build bridges of respect and common concern." — Democrat David Jenkins, mayor of New York, before his victory over Republican Giuliani.

"I need all the hard matches I can get, but it isn't easy to get them when you only play one match in each tournament. It was a long, long time since I won an even match. Every victory is important for me now. I used to control the games tactically, but now I don't dare to move forward and take initiatives because I know I won't make it." — Mats Wilander of Sweden after beating an unknown tennis player.

"This is important. I've never believed in playing a card... playing a Soviet card... a geopolitical card. But there are enormous reasons for having better relations with China. There is an opportunity for forward steps that can be taken to move back toward normalisation. Nixon's visit added very, very much." — US President George Bush on relations with China and Richard Nixon's visit.

"I think this containment of communism is a very shabby policy on the part of the United States of America. Both the people of the United States and the government people must understand that the sooner they change this policy of containment of communism the better for everybody." — Visiting Soviet professor to the US urging co-operation rather than confrontation between the two superpowers.

"I only learned of it from my lawyer late yesterday. But for the first time in many months I was able to walk out of my and I suppose I'm going to begin from today really enjoying it." — veteran ANC member Govan Mbeki on lifting restrictions of his political activity by the Pretoria regime.



## MIDEAST

## Soviets, Afghan rebels to swap prisoners

MOSCOW, Nov 10, (Agencies): The Soviet Union and Afghan rebels will begin exchanging prisoners of war soon, a Soviet negotiator told the government daily Izvestia yesterday.

Journalist Iona Andronov, who led a Soviet delegation to meet mujahideen leaders in Peshawar, Pakistan, said the first exchange would trade two Soviet soldiers for 45 Afghans and three Arabs.

"I would like to believe that in the coming weeks the first group of Soviet soldiers, beginning with two soldiers will be freed," said Andronov, a leader of a support group for veterans' families.

Official Soviet figures put the number of men missing in action at 311 in more than nine years of fighting. It was not known how many prisoners may still be in the hands of the Afghan rebels.

The Afghan government has agreed to release three rebel prisoners, and an European parliamentarian on Wednesday said he urged the rebels to reciprocate by releasing a Soviet prisoner of war.

"I am hopeful they will be able to release a Soviet soldier soon," Lord Nicholas Bethell told the Associated Press. "Talks are still going on. It's very delicate."

Rebel sources confirmed talks about a prisoner release were under way, but refused to give details.

Bethell, a parliamentarian since 1975 and vice-chairman of the committee on human rights, spent almost two days with Pakistan-based Afghan rebels trying to win a prisoner release.

Bethell came to Pakistan after stops in Moscow and Kabul, but said his mission was not a prisoner exchange.

"(Afghan President) Najib said he would release three prisoners as a present in honour of my visit," he said.

He urged the rebels to reciprocate. "It would bring them international recognition and in the long term it would make it easier for them to live side by side with the Soviet Union, who will always be their neighbour," he said.

Moscow claims 311 soldiers are missing. Rebel fighters, say they are holding no more than 75. An alliance of seven rebel parties, partially bankrolled by the United States, has established a self-proclaimed government in exile in the Pakistani frontier city of Peshawar.

Rebels, backed by the United States, Pakistan,

and other Arab countries, have been fighting for more than a decade to oust Soviet-backed governments in Kabul.

Bethell said Kabul is reluctant to release its prisoners, fearing they would rejoin rebel troops. He said the rebels see no incentive to release Soviet or Afghan government prisoners, although they have never said how many Afghan soldiers they hold.

"The mujahideen see it as bizarre that while the Soviet Union expresses deep regret about sending soldiers into Afghanistan, it continues to support (Afghan President) Najib, who was head of Khad (Afghan secret service) in 1979 and was responsible for terrible things," Bethell said.

## Ozal shrugs off boycott

## Sworn-in president

ANKARA, Nov 10, (Reuters): New Turkish President Turgut Ozal shrugged off overnight bomb blasts and an opposition boycott today to lead a ceremony marking the 51st anniversary of the death of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, founder of the modern republic.

Sirens wailed and traffic halted throughout the country at the start of a traditional two-minute silence at 9.05 am, the time Ataturk died in 1938.

A rash of bombs exploded overnight after the inauguration of Ozal as president. Eighteen went off in Istanbul and three in Ankara outside banks and businesses. A bank watchman was injured in one of the bombings.

A bomb went off outside a US military shop in the Aegean port of Izmir, headquarters of NATO's southeast flank.

Callers to newspapers said leftists of the Dev-Sol movement were responsible for the bombings.

The Social Democrat populist party and the centre-right True Path Party boycotted Ozal's inauguration yesterday and the Ataturk ceremony, saying Ozal's election as president by parliament did not reflect public opinion.

After laying a wreath at Ataturk's mausoleum, Ozal wrote in a ceremonial book: "We are determined to strengthen and keep alive under all conditions your most valuable heritage, the secular republic."

Apart from opposition criticism, Ozal faces a challenge to the prime minister he appointed yesterday, former parliamentary Speaker Yildirim Akbulut.

Hasan Celal Guzel, a 44-year-old former minister who has a big following in the ruling Motherland Party's Islamic and centrist wings, said he would challenge Akbulut at a congress to elect a new party chairman on Nov 17.

Akbulut, a bland 54-year-old Ozal loyalist viewed widely as a compromise leader, named a cabinet yesterday which gave greater emphasis to the party's small but influential fundamentalist wing while retaining major ministers.

Spates of leftist "pinprick" bombings have punctuated Turkish political life since three years of military rule ended in 1983.

In the presidential oath, accompanied by a 101-salvo cannon salute, Ozal pledged to be free of bias and to uphold Turkey's secular republic, its laws and democracy.

In his inauguration speech Ozal said Turkey's main goals in the future should be geared towards gaining membership to the European Economic Community.

Turkey should work "to occupy its distinguished place in the European Community," Ozal said.

## Poll results

## Hussein happy

AMMAN, Nov 10, (Kuna): King Hussein of Jordan today expressed satisfaction over the results of the Jordanian parliamentary elections, finally and officially announced today by Interior Minister Saleh Al Massa'deh.

At a press conference he held at the Royal Cultural Centre, the King said the result was the option of the people "and I'm very satisfied with the outcome."

In the future, he said, the Jordanian expatriates wherever they are will exercise their election rights and take part in the parliamentary elections.

The government, he added, will soon revise the present press law in Jordan.

Minister Al Massa'deh, for his part, said the elections were conducted in accordance with the new constitutional situation in Jordan after Jordan had delinked legal and administrative ties with the occupied West Bank.

Eighty candidates won the elections in which the Islamic Brotherhood scored a remarkable landslide when the movement's members and their sympathizers secured almost one-third of the 80-seat Jordanian Parliament.

Neither of the 12 women candidates was able to win a parliamentary seat and a number of former ministers and MPs lost the parliamentary contest.

Less than 62 per cent of voters who obtained the parliamentary cards participated in the elections and the rest of voters did not appear at the polls centers.

About 15 per cent of the parliament seats were won by pan-Arab and leftist candidates, which means that the Islamic trend and the leftist group may constitute a relative majority if a sort of coalition or co-ordination was sought in connection with particular issues of common interest.

The results of the elections: The governorate of the capital (Amman).

First Constituency  
■ Dr Ali Fakir 13418  
■ Abdel Aziz 11188  
■ Dr Majid Khalifah 9708

Second Constituency  
■ Abdel Munim Abu Zant 19373  
■ Dr Ali Al Hawamdeh 12768  
■ Yaqoub Qirah 3082

Third Constituency  
■ Laith Shabbat 14740  
■ Farris Nabulsi 7801  
■ Tahir Al Masri 6482  
■ Mansour Murad 8747  
■ Fakhr Kawa 6211

Fourth Constituency  
■ Nayef Al Hadid 6458  
■ Hameed Mansour 4260

Fifth Constituency  
■ Dr Hammad Said 8842  
■ Dr Mohammed Abu Farris 8012  
■ Dawoud Kojak 8012  
■ Ata Shahwan 4845  
■ Dr Ahmed Abadi 4764

Sixth Constituency  
■ Ahmed Azzaydeh 6534  
■ Abdel Haliz Allawi 5953  
■ Saad Haddadine 3088

Seventh Constituency  
■ Jamal Kharisha 3582  
■ Dr Mohammed Zaben 2814  
■ Al Zarga Governorate  
■ Theeb Anis 25517  
■ Dr Mohammed Al Haj 18905  
■ Salameh Ghweiri 7036  
■ Ziad Abu Mahfouz 6513  
■ Abdel Baqi Jamo 14181  
■ Bassam Haddadine 14698

Balka-Salt Governorate  
■ Dr Abdullah Nusour 19609  
■ Dr Abdullah Albiyat 14551  
■ Naim Khrasat 13071  
■ Awad Al Bashir 10611  
■ Marwan Lihmoud 9571  
■ Sultan Al Adwan 8721  
■ Fawzi Tushimeh 13993  
■ Samir Kawa 10196

Irbid Governorate  
■ Irbid Constituency  
■ Dr Ahmed Kolbi 32651  
■ Abdel Rahim Akour 22920  
■ Kamel Omri 19638  
■ Dr Yousef Khasawneh 19064  
■ Mohammed Alawneh 14459  
■ Thougan Hindawi 14171  
■ Hoshi Shayab 12246  
■ Abdel Raouf Rawabdeh 11178  
■ Dr Theeb Marji 11694

Jarash Constituency  
■ Issa Kimoni 3480  
■ Hussein Rawashdeh 2787  
■ Abdel Majid Sharideh 7628  
■ Nader Thuhairat 6163  
■ Mohammed Dardour 11734  
■ Qasim Obaidat 9200  
■ Salim Zabi 5483  
■ Abdel Karim Doghmi 4025  
■ Mohammed Talab 2533  
■ Mohammed Marar 3845  
■ Saad Hayel 3569

Tafila Governorate  
■ Dr Abdullah Aklayeh 4587  
■ Fuad Khalaf 4454  
■ Ibrahim Abdel Rahman 3526

Misan Governorate  
■ Dr Yousef Al Azem 5841  
■ Sulaiman Aray 5590  
■ Ziyad Shwayikh 4896  
■ Hisham Sharari 4538  
■ Abdel Karim Kabari 4482  
■ Ahmed Kafarini 13184  
■ Jamal Sarayreh 10411  
■ Atif Battoutah 10255  
■ Mahmoud Hweimet 10062  
■ Mutair Bustanji 9577  
■ Yousef Mubaydin 9810  
■ Mohammed Tarawneh 9378  
■ Issa Madanat 10274  
■ Abdullah Zriqat 9478

King Hussein told reporters that the National Assembly will be opened during the last ten days of this month and a new council of notables will be formed.

Hussein said Jordan is committed to providing support to the Palestinian people and the Arab Co-operation Council which groups in addition to Jordan, Egypt, Iraq and Yemen Arab Republic.

## Arens says no to Palestinian state

## Japan urges Israel to be realistic

TOKYO, Nov 10, (Reuters): Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens denied today a local news report that his government was ready to negotiate the creation of a new Palestinian state.

"Israel opposes the establishment of another Palestine state. Such a state is a mortal danger to the existence of Israel," Arens said at a news conference.

On Wednesday, Kyodo News Service quoted Arens as saying Israel's forthcoming talks with US and Egyptian foreign ministers would be "open-ended" and could include the question of a separate state.

Arens is expected to fly to Washington in mid-November with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to meet foreign ministers of Egypt and the United States, after which talks between Israel and Palestinians are expected to take place in Cairo.

Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu urged Arens to accept the PLO, saying a peace settlement was "unrealistic" without their participation.

Arens said the Israeli government will assure "free and democratic" elections among Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and would negotiate with elected representatives regardless of any PLO affiliation.

He said Israel would assure "free movement and access" for the international press as a guarantee for fair elections.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation dispatched an envoy to Cairo today to discuss a US peace plan with Egyptian officials, the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported in Tunis.

General Al Sourany left the Tunisian capital by special plane this morning to brief the Egyptian government on Thursday's meeting of the PLO's 15-member Executive Committee under the direction of Chairman Yasser Arafat.

The committee met to come up with a response to the five-point proposal advanced by US Secretary of State James Baker to begin an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue.

Wafa reported that Al Sourany, a committee member, would forward the "orientation" of the PLO leadership to Egypt.

The PLO is to ask the United States for further clarifications on US proposals for direct Israeli-Palestinian talks in Cairo.

Khaled Al Hassan, of the main PLO group Fatah, told Reuters today that the organisation's leaders drafted the questions at the meeting.

Hassan said the PLO had neither rejected nor accepted Baker's five-point framework.

An Israeli civil rights group has asked the army to investigate reports of soldiers forcing Palestinians to perform "ridiculous and humiliating tasks" such as singing army songs and sweeping the streets in the middle of the night.

The Association for Civil Rights in Israel has asked the army's legal adviser to stop the "manifestly illegal" practice in the Ein Bet Al-Ma refugee camp in the West Bank.

Israeli soldiers shot dead an armed Palestinian in a roundup of the Red Eagles group yesterday and killed a masked Arab activist during violent protests that erupted after the raid, the military command said.

Israeli media reports said first troops surrounded a one-storeyed Jneid house and used a loudspeaker to order the suspects to come out. When they refused, soldiers broke in through a metal door.

Chamoun told Reuters it was out of the question that he or Geagea would join Mas'ad's government.

He also doubted that Georges Saadeh, leader of the right-wing Phalange Party, would take part in the new cabinet, even though he voted for Mas'ad in Sunday's election at a runoff election in the Syrian-controlled north.

The Al Sayehs learned that Aoun and Geagea had agreed to unify their army in east part of Beirut and to prevent any military confrontation between the Lebanese Army and the Lebanese Forces.

Aoun had promised Geagea to appoint some officers from the Lebanese Forces in the Lebanese Army. Arab-European contacts are currently underway and will be intensified by the end of this month to prevent the declaring of the state of "Free Lebanon" by Aoun and Geagea as a step toward expelling Aoun and Geagea from the "Taif" accord.

## Muawad sets up office in W. Beirut

BEIRUT, Nov 10, (Agencies): Newly elected President Rene Muawad, a Christian, set up headquarters in West Beirut yesterday and confirmed consultations to form a government of national reconciliation to end the country's civil war.

Muawad, 64, set up office at the Prime Ministry in Saayeh a day after a car bomb explosion ripped through West Beirut, killing four people and wounding 15.

A small bomb exploded overnight under the car of Druse parliament member Tawfik Amal, causing damage but no casualties, police said.

The move coincided with continued opposition by Army Commander Gen. Michel Aoun to the election of Syrian-backed Muawad.

Aoun, who had headed for 13 months a Christian cabinet in a dual government, has dismissed as "unconstitutional" parliament's election session in north Lebanon on Sunday.

He has refused to leave the presidential palace to allow Muawad to settle there.

Beirut's newspaper Al-Safir said in a dispatch from Washington that President George Bush plans to send a special envoy to Beirut to highlight support of Muawad.

Muawad, heavily armed Syrian soldiers closed Saayeh to provide protection for the new president. That prompted choking traffic jams in West Beirut.

"I'm not against the president, but his stay here is affecting our work," said a vegetable vendor. He identified himself only as Sabahan.

"We cars are allowed in the street. Who is going to buy what I sell? We already have enough local leaders blocking traffic near their residences, but with a president, half of the city is blocked," he added.

Muawad met at his new office with Parliament Speaker Houssein Husseini and three Salim Hone, who had headed the predominantly Muslim cabinet before the presidential election.

Husseini said afterward: "Commitments are continuing. The objective is the formation of a national reconciliation government." He did not elaborate.

Hone had supported Muawad and tendered his resignation to facilitate the appointment of a new prime minister as soon as the consultations are completed, possibly by the weekend.

Muawad flew into West Beirut from his base in Saayeh on Wednesday, one hour after the car bomb explosion in the Caracass district.

Muawad, has so far failed to draw the second-strongest force in the Christian camp into his government, political sources said today.

Aoun consolidated his alliance with the 10,000-man Lebanese Forces militia at a four-hour meeting with Lebanese Forces chief Samir Geagea yesterday, the sources said.

He persuaded Geagea not to join Muawad's government, which is being set up under an internationally-backed plan to end 14 years of civil war, the sources said.

Political sources said Muawad has also failed to win over other important leaders in the Christian enclave, including Dany Chamoun, a right-winger.

Chamoun told Reuters it was out of the question that he or Geagea would join Mas'ad's government.

He also doubted that Georges Saadeh, leader of the right-wing Phalange Party, would take part in the new cabinet, even though he voted for Mas'ad in Sunday's election at a runoff election in the Syrian-controlled north.

The Al Sayehs learned that Aoun and Geagea had agreed to unify their army in east part of Beirut and to prevent any military confrontation between the Lebanese Army and the Lebanese Forces.

Aoun had promised Geagea to appoint some officers from the Lebanese Forces in the Lebanese Army. Arab-European contacts are currently underway and will be intensified by the end of this month to prevent the declaring of the state of "Free Lebanon" by Aoun and Geagea as a step toward expelling Aoun and Geagea from the "Taif" accord.



Aoun (right) and Geagea after their meeting. (Reuters wirephoto)

## US decision not tied to hostages

## Hezbollah pours cold water

THE HAGUE, Nov 10, (Reuters): The United States' decision to return \$567 million in frozen assets to Iran has nothing to do with a conditional offer from Tehran to help free American hostages in Lebanon, an Iranian official said yesterday.

The (money) transfer is simply the final part of a normal process," said Ali Novari.

Novari is Iran's representative to The Hague-based Iran-US claims tribunal which settles financial disputes between the two countries.

The money was most of the remainder of a \$1.4 billion account set up at the Bank of England in 1981 to cover claims involving non-syndicated US bank loans to Iran, American sources said.

Novari and American sources in The Hague said the US had agreed to release the Iranian money last week because almost all claims had been settled.

The agreement was reached 11 days after Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani publicly urged the United States to free Iranian assets if it wanted Tehran's help in the release of eight Americans held in Lebanon.

"The transfer of \$567 million has nothing to do with it. We have military assets and they are blocked in the United States."

They are worth \$12 billion and this is what Rafsanjani was referring to," Novari told Reuters in The Hague.

The Tehran Times, commenting on the agreement, said the United States would have to show more goodwill to prompt Iran to act over the hostages.

The United States froze about \$8 billion in Iranian assets in 1979.

A senior pro-Iranian cleric has poured cold water on "cheap" American hopes that the release of Iranian assets could bring freedom for hostages in Lebanon.

"When the blessed (Iranian) Islamic Revolution declared its war against the United States, it didn't do that for the sake of assets. Iran doesn't think of financial matters," Sheikh Abbas Al Mussawi said.

The top Hezbollah official was talking to reporters in Beirut's southern suburbs where some of the 19 Western hostages, including eight Americans, are believed held.

Mussawi commented: "This is a cheap call. Such a call is a mockery of the Islamic revolutionary stand which originated in Iran."

The black-turbaned mullah said relations with Washington could not improve until the United States changed its policy in the Middle East.

## Drug traffickers beheaded

DAMMAM, Nov 10, (AP): Two Pakistani drug traffickers were beheaded today in the eastern city of Dammam for smuggling heroin into Saudi Arabia, the Interior Ministry announced.

A ministry statement carried by the official Saudi Press Agency identified the men as Lal Mohammed Abdul Hamid and Saheeb Ahmeduddin Abdul Rashid.

The men had been condemned to death by an Islamic court but gave no other details.

Beheading is a punishment for murderers under the Islamic sharia, in effect in the kingdom. Thieves have their hands chopped off and adulterers are stoned to death.

But in recent years, Islamic theologians have prescribed beheading also for those convicted of spreading "corruption on the face of the earth," and drug smuggling falls under that category.

Executions usually take place in public squares outside mosques on Friday, as the faithful come out of noon prayers.

## Mengistu drops ex-comrades for coup sympathies

ROME, Nov 10, (Reuters): Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam, distrustful of former comrades-in-arms since a coup attempt in May, has appointed a new civilian acting prime minister, diplomats said yesterday.

Hailu Yemenu, a civilian technocrat, was given the job after the dismissal this week of Prime Minister Fikre Selassie Wodgersse, Ethiopian officials in Rome and diplomats in Addis Ababa said.

The diplomats, contacted by telephone from Rome, said this and other changes showed Mengistu's suspicion of many former military colleagues since several commanders tried to overthrow him in May.

Ethiopia's Marxist government has not yet announced Hailu's promotion but it was expected to be made public soon.

Fikre Selassie was dismissed on Tuesday. Two other prominent figures, also with military backgrounds and who helped Mengistu to power, were eased out on Wednesday.

Debele Dinssa, a vice-president of the council of state, and Tekla Tuly, the head of the central audit commission, were retired on health grounds, the official Ethiopian News Agency ENA said.

Diplomats in Addis Ababa said they were probably sacked for sympathizing with the abortive May coup.

In further changes announced on Wednesday, Mengistu gave Deputy Prime Minister Tesfaye Dinka the additional post of foreign minister and gave Finance Minister Wolle Chekol the rank of deputy prime minister.

Hailu is a Mexican-trained civil engineer in his mid-50s who was previously one of three deputy prime ministers in Ethiopia's Soviet-backed government.

He is also one of only three members of the 10-man politburo of the ruling Workers' Party of Ethiopia with a civilian rather than a military background.

Ethiopia's government is not on the brink of collapse despite facing its biggest military challenge from rebels, a British minister said yesterday.

Foreign and Commonwealth Minister William Waldegrave, ending a two-day visit to Kenya, told reporters he had received a briefing on the military situation in Ethiopia from the British ambassador there.



# Berlin Wall is falling down

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seeking democratic reforms, including free travel and free elections. Tens of thousands have fled the country for the West.

Until Dicksel's statement, there was uncertainty about the scope of yesterday's decision and whether any restrictions would be included in the proposed new law.

"Last night, the Germans were the happiest people in the world," West Berlin Mayor Walter Momper said. The party continued today, as revellers popped champagne corks, lit sparklers and embraced on both sides of the border.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl interrupted his visit to Poland to meet with his cabinet and arrived in West Berlin.

The abrupt opening of the once heavily fortified borders continued a series of reforms that began Oct 18 when Egon Krenz replaced longtime hard-liner Erich Honecker as Communist Party chief. Krenz has promised reforms in a bid to stem popular discontent.

This week alone, the 44-member cabinet resigned, the ruling Politburo was revamped and travel restrictions were tossed aside.

Today, the Communist Party central committee sacked four more officials from the Politburo and launched a broad investigation of "gross mistakes" made by the leadership under Honecker. It also ended a landmark three-day meeting by confirming Krenz as general secretary of the party.

"The Berlin Wall will come down, and Berlin will live," said former West German chancellor Willy Brandt, who was mayor of West Berlin when the 3-metre (10-foot) wall went up in 1961.

Brandt later appeared on the western side of the wall's Brandenburg gate, where he was cheered by thousands of revellers, some of whom were dancing on it.

"Come to the wall," the crowd shouted, but the 75-year-old Brandt refused.

East and West Berliners joined in dancing atop the Berlin Wall during the celebrations that began last night and lasted into today.

More than 50,000 East Berliners crossed into the West Berlin during the night, the West German radio station Sender Fries Berlin said. Only about 1,000 of them planned to stay, the radio said.

Lines of East Berliners waited today at control points to enter West Berlin, and communist border guards were rapidly handing out visas. The visas were required as this morning for those wanting only to visit.

Most were obviously just visiting rather than emigrating, exulting in their sudden new freedom to travel to the other side of the wall.

Border guards allowed many East Germans over the border after merely stamping their identity papers. Some didn't even require that, and guards from both countries stood together at the border.

World leaders praised the move but differed on what it signified for future East-West relations.

US President George Bush said if East Germany made good on its promise to allow free emigration, "this wall built in '61 will have very little relevance."

In Moscow, Soviet Foreign Minister Gennady Gerasimov praised the East German reforms but cautioned that any speculation about a reunified Germany was "out of the question."

West Germany "should take into account that policies aimed at reconsidering borders would not suit any government in Europe and would cause only mistrust," Gerasimov said.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said today that changes under way in East Germany were in the interests of local people and of the Soviet Union.

Speaking to Scandinavian reporters in Moscow, he also praised East Germany's opening of its border with the West, a Norwegian television journalist said.

Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, in a television interview, called the East German move "one of the most memorable events in the political history of Europe."

In Brussels, the European Economic Community called the border openings "dramatic and historic" and pledged to seek closer trade relations with East Germany.

## E. Germans staying behind give govt a chance

### West has limited capacity to accept refugees

BERLIN, Nov 10, (AP): Thousands of East Germans are fleeing their homeland, but many more are staying put.

While those who remain are demanding that their leaders improve conditions, they are also clinging to some of the benefits socialism has brought and seem to be giving the government another chance.

Conversations with East Berliners who have chosen to remain in their country reveal hope and determination that conditions will change — particularly that communist authorities will share power through elections.

Some also believe the West has a limited capacity to accept East German refugees, and want to see how conditions will change at home in coming months.

The East Berliners' comments suggest there is something peculiarly German about East Germany's popular revolt against old-style communism — it is purposeful, orderly and not necessarily out to ditch socialism at all.

Unlike the Poles, the East Berliners are not especially worried about the right to strike. They stress instead that people deserve good compensation for hard work.

Unlike the Hungarians, they are not preoccupied by the economy.

It's bad, they know, but people of all ages insist that the only way to mend it is a dose of democracy that will clean out old, incompetent party bureaucrats universally blamed for what's known here as the "misere," or misery.

Everybody interviewed in East Berlin's working-class Prenzlauer Berg district and in a far-flung suburb yesterday agreed on the immediate solution to their woes: free elections.

"One party, that's a dictatorship, and nothing will change," said an 80-year-old widow. "We need a multi-

party government."

"We've got to get the right people in there — then we can start talking," said Wolfgang Kerek, 50, a newspaper vendor and part-time musician.

On Wednesday, in a speech clearly intended to set a new tone for his embattled three-week-old tenure on power, East German leader Egon Krenz promised a free, secret ballot and a host of other reforms that would enhance the freedom of almost 17 million citizens.

The reaction on the street yesterday was sceptical. Like everybody else in the Soviet bloc, East Berliners have

heard too many promises from the communists before to believe in instant change now.

"The changes are not yet really what we want," said a canteen worker in his 50s. "We need completely new people — we've seen where it led with the old lot."

Krenz's blistering attack on Wednesday on mistakes made by his longtime political patron Erich Honecker did not seem to have had much effect on East Berliners, who were more inclined to give Honecker points for trying than to put their confidence in his successor. "You can forget him," said a 70-year-

old retired trade worker of Krenz. "Just a puppet like all the rest of them. For the moment, he's the only man possible, but he won't last."

While dismissive of the old leadership, however, East Germans are not so swift to suggest that socialism should be done away with altogether.

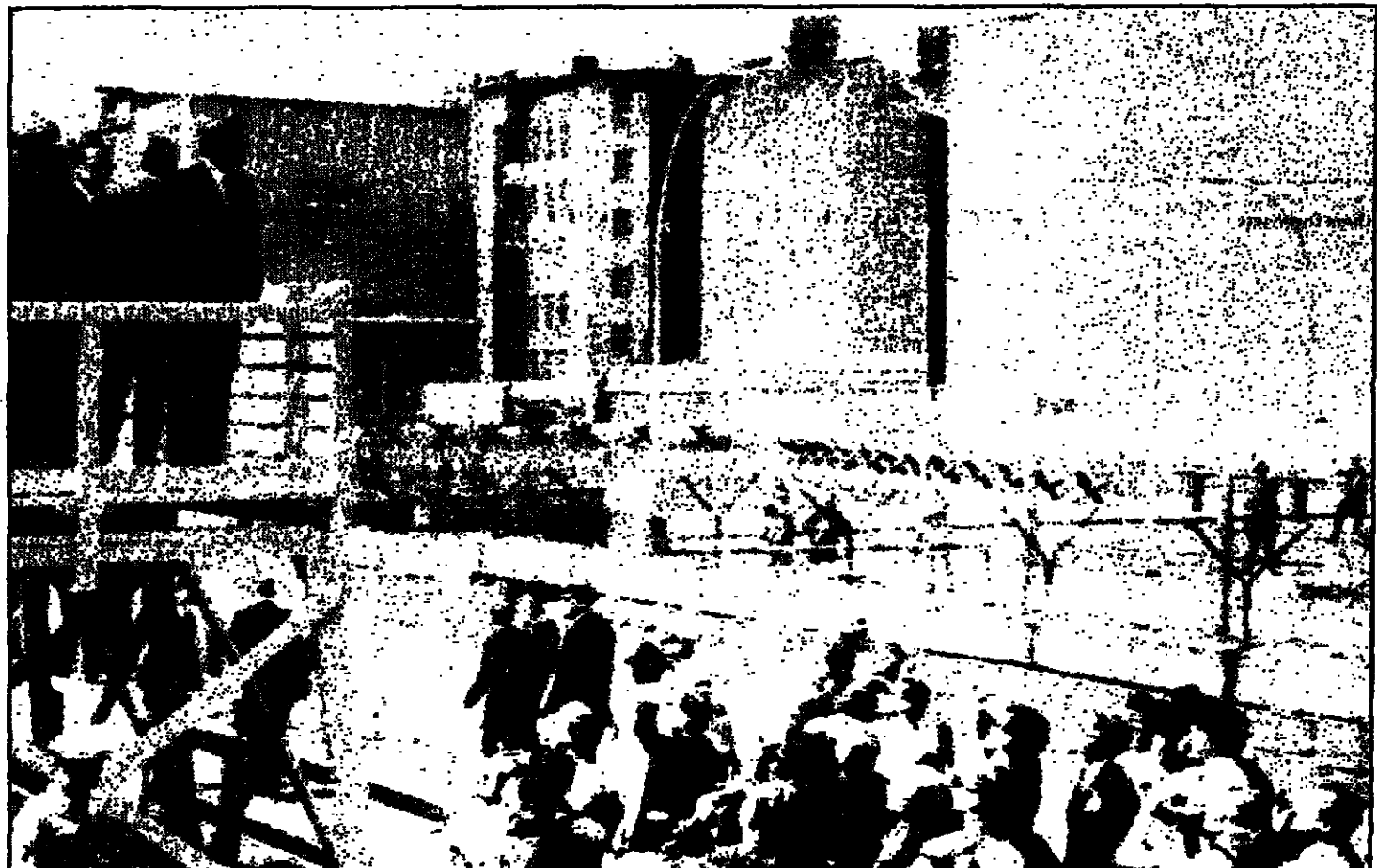
Socialism and social democracy have a long tradition in Germany, particularly in the industrial areas of the Ruhr — the stronghold of West Germany's Social Democrats — and the manufacturing towns of Saxony and old Prussia that are now in East Germany.



Three East Germans celebrate with a bottle of champagne on the west side of the Berlin's crossing point in Bornholmer street. (Reuters wirephoto)



East German citizens help each other to climb the Berlin Wall. (Reuters wirephoto)



In this filephoto former US President John F. Kennedy views the Berlin Wall during a visit to West Germany in 1963. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Powers that brought the changes

No challenge yet to Prague, Sofia, Bucharest

VIENNA, Nov 10, (Reuters): In Poland last August "worker power" broke a 40-year communist stranglehold. In Hungary last month, it was "party power". This week in East Germany, it was "people power".

In each country, one of three main options for bringing about radical political change after four decades of monolithic Communist Party rule came into play.

The Polish communists were driven out of power by Solidarity, the upstart free trade union born out of a workers' strike in 1980, in a stunning election victory.

Reminding the new government of its roots, Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said it could build a Poland of "more bread and smiles" but only with the firm support of the workers.

In Hungary, it was the Communist Party itself that took the initiative as it voted to dissolve itself and re-form as a democratic organisation ready to fight for its political life in free elections expected by the middle of next year.

The East German leadership fell in the face of sheer pressure from the streets as hundreds

of thousands marched to demand reforms, and tens of thousands fled the country because they had lost hope they would ever come.

Across the country of over 16 million, the cry from the streets was: "all power to the people and not the SED (Communist Party)." Today the people were dancing on the Berlin Wall as the government, in another concession unimaginable a few days earlier, opened it to let them out.

In the East bloc states still resisting the reforms engulfing their neighbours — Romania, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria — none of the three "powers" are present in sufficient strength to pose any immediate challenge to communist leaders.

However in Prague and Sofia, there are stirrings in the streets and occasional hints of movement from the party leadership, indicating that changes could come, though more slowly.

Only in hardline Romania, increasingly isolated in both East and West because of its ultra-orthodox communist system and poor human rights record, is there no sign of any

change.

President Nicolae Ceausescu, who has ruled with an iron fist since taking power in 1965, said recently he would adopt reforms similar to those in Hungary and in Warsaw "only when the beech tree bears apples, and the reed bears flowers."

In Prague, the conservative leadership still haunted by the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion which put them in power has shown no sign of following the sort of radical reforms that its colleagues introduced voluntarily in Hungary and under pressure in Poland and East Germany.

Bulgaria, once dismissed as an orthodox communist backwater, has also begun to stir as fledgling opposition groups emerged from obscurity under the protection of a three-week international ecology forum in Sofia.

During the forum several thousand Bulgarians shouting "democracy" and "glasnost" staged a rally in the capital, the first independent public demonstration in over 40 years of communist rule.

## Wall: symbol of hate, division

EAST BERLIN, Nov 10, (Reuters): The Berlin Wall, for 28 years the most potent symbol of a divided Europe, lost its meaning yesterday when East Germany threw open its heavily-guarded borders with the West.

"Today, the decision was taken that makes it possible for all citizens to leave the country through East German crossing points," Communist Party media chief Guenter Schabowski announced at a dramatic news conference.

The decision effectively dismantles the "iron curtain" along the border to West Germany and makes the Berlin Wall redundant.

The wall has tormented divided Berliners and exasperated the West since the communists erected fences and concrete barriers on August 13, 1961 to stem a westward flow of emigrants.

East Germany called the wall an "anti-fascist protection barrier." It was ostensibly built to protect East Germans from Western fascism.

In reality it plugged a hole in the iron curtain through which 2.3 million East Germans had fled in the 12 years after the founding of the Soviet-backed communist state in 1949.

More than 100 East Germans have been shot dead trying to climb the four-metre (13-foot) high wall.

East German hardline leader Erich Honecker, who built the wall, said early this year it would stand for a hundred years.

But his words rang hollow as thousands of East Germans began fleeing to the West again. To date, 225,000 of them have left legally or illegally.

The removal of the wall was one of the key demands heard in the mass demonstrations that have swept East German cities in recent weeks.

The wall may remain, snaking 160 km (100 miles) around West Berlin, an enclave city deep in East Germany.

But if East Germans can pass through almost at will, then the wall will rapidly lose its significance and will gradually gather dust as a powerful symbol of a failed attempt to keep a country behind bars.

"The wall? It belongs in a museum," rejoiced one young East German woman when told about the decision to liberalise travel.

"This is in effect the end of the wall and the barbed wire," said Otto Lamberdorff, chairman of West Germany's Free Democratic Party.

The Soviet Union, which arguably holds the key to the Berlin Wall, signalled a softening of its position when President Mikhail Gorbachev visited Bonn on June 15.

"The wall could disappear once the conditions that created the need for it disappear," the Soviet leader said.

The western side of the wall is a concrete canvas covered by graffiti — obscene, artistic and political. The East Berlin side is concrete grey.

"This thing should be left standing as a memorial so that people in 200 years can study the unbelievable that once was a reality," Joergen Schmude, a former West German justice minister, said recently.

"After the Chinese Wall this is the most famous wall in the world."

## World praise for decision

Reunification ruled out

NEW YORK, Nov 10, (AP): World leaders from East and West praised East Germany's decision to open its borders, but differed today on whether it would lead to reunification of the two German states.

Several countries offered to help West Germany handle the expected flood of East German refugees, and the European Community said it would seek closer trade relations with East Germany. Denmark eased entry regulations for East Germans wishing to visit.

The Soviet Union, which for years crushed opposition movements in countries under its influence, continued its new policy of non-interference but said there was no chance of the two Germanys merging.

Czechoslovakia, a gathering point for East Germans fleeing West, breathed a sigh of relief. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher called it "a great day for freedom" and said Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, the architect of East bloc reforms, had made it possible.

Willy Brandt, a former West German chancellor and the West Berlin mayor when the Berlin Wall went up in 1961 to prevent East Germans from fleeing West, said he believed prospects for German unity had taken a major step forward.

"The Berlin Wall will come down, and Berlin will live," Brandt told the Associated Press.

"It seems appropriate that this hideous construction, which never should have been built, has now definitely lost its reason for being," Danish Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen said.

Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky said the move was "one of the most memorable events in the political history of Europe." Prime Minister Brian Mulroney of Canada said it was "one of the most powerful statements" about the strength of democracy.

US President George Bush said if East Germany followed through with its promise to allow free emigration, "this wall built in '61 will have very little relevance."

Bush, lauding East Germany's lifting of travel restrictions as a dramatic advance for freedom, is ordering "all possible assistance" to help West Germany cope with the flood of refugees from the communist state.

The White House announced last night that Bush had ordered US military units and US Ambassador Vernon Walters to give "all possible assistance" to the West German government.

French President Francois Mitterrand said the reforms would probably change the global balance of power. He linked them to rapid changes also sweeping Hungary and Poland.

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Portuguese President Mario Soares called the order opening "a historic event and an extraordinary turnaround with unforeseeable consequences."

Soares also predicted German reunification "will happen one way or another. Today there is only one German nation, only one German conscience."

Finnish Prime Minister Harri Holkeri told Finnish radio, "as far as I can see, the final outcome of World War II still stands and the situation will not change because of these developments."

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov praised East German reforms but said any speculation about a reunified Germany is "out of the question."

His boss, Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, told Swedish journalists in Moscow the decision was made by East German leaders with no interference from Moscow.

"This was a reasonable and sensible decision," he said, according to a report by the Swedish national TV news agency and Swedish radio. "The new course in East German echoes the mood among the people in East Germany. It also corresponds to our own interests."

The US ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance, William Taft IV, told reporters in Portugal the changes in Eastern Europe increased the risk of instability because it was not clear who controlled events.

Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry spokesman Lubomir Marsik said the opening of the East German border "represents a positive solution."

"The situation was getting difficult for everybody, including Czechoslovakia," he said, referring to the thousands of East Germans who sought refuge in Western embassies of other East bloc countries, often Czechoslovakia.

China's Communist Party made no official comment on the situation.

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Bush gives his views about opening of the East German borders. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'Borders are open: I'm not going to miss this for the world.' It's party time

BERLIN, Nov 10, (UPI): Dieter Hansper heard on the 11 o'clock news that East German officials had dropped travel restrictions to the West. He rolled over in bed, woke his wife and said: "Come on, get up. We're going to West Berlin right now. I'm not going to miss this for the world."

Across the city, on both sides of the Berlin Wall, the reaction was the same. Tens of thousands of Berliners left their homes and gathered along the wall late Thursday and early Friday for an impromptu, all-night party to celebrate an end to 28 years of

separation.

At the Brandenburg Gate, long a symbol of Berlin's tragic division, West Berlin youngsters scaled the wall shouting, "tear it down." At Invaliden Strasse checkpoint, a British military policeman joined East German guards on top of a border station to direct the long line of East Berlin cars passing to the West.

"I have waited 28 years for this moment — ever since the Berlin Wall was built," said Hansper, a 44-year-old caterer, as he joined the celebrations at Invaliden Strasse. "You

cannot imagine what it means to me."

At Invaliden Strasse checkpoint, West Berlin Mayor Walter Momper became a celebrity, laughing and joking with a crowd of Berliners who slapped him on the back and repeatedly poured him glasses of champagne. At 2:15 am, he was still there.

"This is a historic moment for Berlin," Momper said as he stood in the chilly 40-degree weather. "If it was a bit warmer I think we all would be dancing on the street. The borders are open. Everybody can go and come as he wants," the mayor said.

"The people tonight are not even having to show their passports or identity cards — they are just being waved through."

The celebrations seemed to take place in new atmosphere. No armed guards were in sight at the checkpoints as mile-long lines of cars formed in East Berlin. Patrols were absent along the sandy, barbed-wire protected "death strip" leading up to the East German side of the Berlin Wall. On the other side, Westerners chipped away at the wall with hammers.

An estimated 30,000 curious East Berlin-

ers flooded across the border to the West. Most showing only their identity cards to East German officials, who encouraged them to come back whenever they wanted, a West German customs officer said.

The opening of the border brought emotional outpouring from West Berliners and East Berliners alike. Westerners handed out cash, flowers, hugs and booze to the curious Easterners, most of whom arrived just to have a look or a drink at a bar in the West.

A teenage couple from the East, Berlin district of Friedrichshagen said they came through the Fritzen Strasse checkpoint at 1:30 am and were greeted by a man handing out 50-mark banknotes worth about \$30 each to everyone who passed by.

"He kept telling us what a marvellous moment this was. There were tears in his eyes and it made us very emotional, too," said the young man, who had to be back in East Berlin in time to go to high school classes.



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## Global trade talks planned in Tokyo

### Tehran to resume gas sales to Moscow

ATHENS, Nov 10, (UPI): Iran will resume its natural gas exports to the Soviet Union as of April 1, after a halt of 11 years, Tehran radio said today.

The resumed exports will begin under an agreement finalised between the two countries Nov 4, during a visit to Tehran of Soviet Foreign Economic Relations Minister Konstantin Katsanov, the radio said.

The deal was signed about the time Iranian hard-liners were celebrating the 10th anniversary of the capture of the US embassy in Tehran by Islamic fundamentalists, who took American hostages and kept 52 captive for 444 days.

The initial agreement on the resumption of Iranian natural gas sales to the Soviet Union was signed in June when President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, then parliament speaker, visited Moscow and met Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Under the finalised document, Iran will export two billion cubic metres of natural gas a year to the Soviet Union in the first phase, and three billion cubic metres a year in a later phase.

The Soviet Union will pay for the gas in the form of equipment, machinery and services Iran needs for 19 economic and industrial development projects, including power stations, dams and a railroad, the radio said.

Iran originally began exporting its natural gas to the Soviet Union in 1970, under a deal signed by the late Shah, but stopped the exports in April 1979, following a dispute over prices shortly after Ayatollah Khomeini came to power in a revolution.

The exports will be resumed through a gas pipeline running from the southern Iranian oilfields to the Soviet border, where it links up with a pipeline running to the Caspian city of Baku.

### West German shares stage explosive rally

FRANKFURT, Nov 10, (Reuters): West German shares staged an explosively rally in hectic trading today in reaction to the opening up of East Germany's borders.

The Dax index of 30 leading shares on the Frankfurt bourse surged by 33.73 points, or 2.3 per cent, to end at 1,496.69.

The market ignored a 20-point fall on Wall Street on Thursday, a drop that dealers said would normally have caused Frankfurt share prices to follow suit.

"The mood today is super," one dealer said. East Germany on Thursday opened its borders after 28 years to free travel by its citizens to the West.

Investors rushed to buy construction shares on expectations that the migration of more than 200,000 East Germans to West Germany so far this year would increase on the latest news.

Born has pledged eight billion marks (\$4.3 billion) over four years on a housing programme for the migrants.

"People are buying anything related to the building sector. Anything which vaguely has to do with a shovel and trowel is in demand," one dealer said.

Dealers said building supply firms, and even those involved in the do-it-yourself market, were bolstered by East Germany's historic move.

Judging the situation to be similar to West Germany's boom of the 1960s, economists expected East Germans both here and at home to turn — once basic needs like housing were met — to boosting demand for consumer goods.

### Turmoil adds new dimension to EEC monetary union drive

LONDON, Nov 10, (Reuters): In the bitter and divisive debate over proposals for a single currency for the 12 Western states of the European Economic Community there are only three certainties.

Margaret Thatcher is implacably opposed to the idea, Francois Mitterrand is passionately for it, and the upheaval in Eastern Europe has added the outcome totally unpredictable.

Deep-seated political rivalries have never been far below the surface of debate over the merits of the Delors plan for economic and monetary union, an ambitious blueprint culminating in a common currency and federal system of policy-making.

But turbulent events in the Eastern bloc and talk of reunification of the two Germanies have catapulted the debate onto a higher plane about the shape of Europe in the 1990s.

The gut reaction of French President Mitterrand has been to push even more quickly for monetary integration, a call that is fast winning allies and, according to economists and political analysts, risks isolating British Prime Minister Thatcher.

WASHINGTON, Nov 10, (Reuters): US Trade Representative Carla Hills will meet her counterparts from America's top trading partners on Sunday in Japan to develop a strategy before global trade talks convene next Wednesday with ministers from some 30 nations.

Hills will meet trade ministers from Japan, the European Economic Community (EEC) and Canada on Sunday. The group will then press its views on key world trade issues on the larger grouping of ministers from the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The GATT meeting begins on Wednesday in Tokyo and will lay the groundwork for the final year of trade negotiations under the so-called Uruguay round.

Earlier this week, US trade officials met Japanese officials to urge Japan to reform some business practices that Washington says keeps US goods off Japanese store shelves.

"There was very little flexibility in the Japanese government position," said one US negotiator.

Kyodo News Service quoted a Japanese government source as saying Hills today urged members of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) to increase funding to the Fair Trade Commission, the nation's watchdog.

She also told an LDP trade panel there was growing frustration in the United States at Japan's responses at the trade meetings earlier this week, Kyodo said.

The Japanese-US structural talks are being held under the shadow of congressional threats of punitive legislation if progress is not made to reduce the US trade deficit with Japan. That deficit was \$50 billion last year.

US officials said that Washington will press for more open Japanese markets to American satellites, supercomputers and wood products.

The meeting between the four key trading partners comes as the EEC is seen by the United States as writing protectionist regulations for its single market to begin in 1992.

The United States will continue a so-far unsuccessful effort to persuade the EEC to amend a directive that its 12 members buy a majority of EEC-made television films, where practicable, as a way to preserve European culture.

The Tokyo meeting comes with only a year left for Gatt's 96 member nations to agree on liberalisation moves they pledged at a 1986 conference in Punta del Este, Uruguay.

The Tokyo talks will likely be dominated by efforts to bring previously excluded agriculture and trade in services under GATT auspices, but will face sharp opposition.

Washington wants an end to subsidies that distort trade in farm products, but is being opposed by the EEC, where such subsidies are seen as a way to maintain food security and, US officials say, a way to win political support.

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WASHINGTON, Nov 10, (Reuters): US Trade Representative Carla Hills will meet her counterparts from America's top trading partners on Sunday in Japan to develop a strategy before global trade talks convene next Wednesday with ministers from some 30 nations.

Hills will meet trade ministers from Japan, the European Economic Community (EEC) and Canada on Sunday. The group will then press its views on key world trade issues on the larger grouping of ministers from the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The GATT meeting begins on Wednesday in Tokyo and will lay the groundwork for the final year of trade negotiations under the so-called Uruguay round.

Earlier this week, US trade officials met Japanese officials to urge Japan to reform some business practices that Washington says keeps US goods off Japanese store shelves.

"There was very little flexibility in the Japanese government position," said one US negotiator.

Kyodo News Service quoted a Japanese government source as saying Hills today urged members of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) to increase funding to the Fair Trade Commission, the nation's watchdog.

She also told an LDP trade panel there was growing frustration in the United States at Japan's responses at the trade meetings earlier this week, Kyodo said.

The Japanese-US structural talks are being held under the shadow of congressional threats of punitive legislation if progress is not made to reduce the US trade deficit with Japan. That deficit was \$50 billion last year.

US officials said that Washington will press for more open Japanese markets to American satellites, supercomputers and wood products.

The meeting between the four key trading partners comes as the EEC is seen by the United States as writing protectionist regulations for its single market to begin in 1992.

The United States will continue a so-far unsuccessful effort to persuade the EEC to amend a directive that its 12 members buy a majority of EEC-made television films, where practicable, as a way to preserve European culture.

The Tokyo meeting comes with only a year left for Gatt's 96 member nations to agree on liberalisation moves they pledged at a 1986 conference in Punta del Este, Uruguay.

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### Oil giants unveil lower profits

## Merc crude prices soar

NEW YORK, Nov 10, (UPI): US oil prices rose late last night on the New York Mercantile Exchange after news of a fire at a Shell refinery in Texas in an otherwise sluggish day of trading.

Prices edged up overseas. "Products rallied late in the day on news of a fire at a shell refinery in Deer Park, Texas," said Ed Ryan of Dean Witter Reynolds energy futures group in New York.

Otherwise, Ryan said, the market play was technical trading. "There was some short covering" by traders who had bought contracts in anticipation of prices going down, said Peter Beutel of Elders Futures Inc. in New York.

"It's been a boring market to trade lately," Beutel said. On the Merc, the benchmark West Texas Intermediate for December delivery, finished the day at \$19.92 a barrel, up 5 cents over Wednesday's close, after falling as low as \$19.78 a barrel.

Unleaded gasoline gained 0.35 cent to 52.22 cents a gallon on the Merc after falling to a low on the day of 51.75 cents a gallon. Heating oil was up 0.20 cent to 58.92 cents a gallon.

On the US Gulf Coast spot market, where crude is bought and sold for cash, WTI slipped 5 cents to \$19.75 a barrel.

Shell said in a statement that on Tuesday there was a small isolated fire caused by a pipe flange leak at Shell's Deer Park plant-2 reformer unit. "The fire was immediately extinguished by operators on duty with no damage to the unit. The unit will be back in operation today."

A spokesman said the unit processes 20,000 barrels of crude feedstock a day for making petroleum products. There are 42 gallons in a barrel.

In reply to a question, the spokesman said the fire "did not affect production at all." He said the problem "developed while the unit was being restarted following a routine maintenance shutdown."

The Deer Park refinery has a overall capacity of about 220,000 barrels a day, with half of its output of gasoline, the spokesman said.

On London's International Petroleum Exchange, Britain's widely traded North Sea Brent was up 23 cents to finish the day at \$19.4 a barrel.

Gas oil, or European heating oil, ended the day at \$17.9 a ton, or 57.18 cents a gallon, a gain of 0.24 cents.

Thursday was the first day of IPE trading in December-delivery contracts. November-delivery gas oil contracts gained more than 2 cents a gallon this week after hitting a nearly four-year high Wednesday of \$18.9 a ton, or 60.38 cents a gallon.

Meanwhile oil giants Shell and BP yesterday unveiled lower third-quarter profits, blaming crude oil price volatility on world markets.

Royal Dutch/Shell Group said net income for the third quarter of the year fell to \$652 million (\$1.03 billion) 16 per cent lower than the same period in 1988.

British Petroleum Co Plc said its net income was 33.6 per cent lower for the three-month period at \$211 million (\$333.4 million).

Stock market analysts said Shell results were below market expectations while BP results were towards the lower end of their forecasts.

Towards the close BP shares were four pence (six cents) down on London's stock market at £2.97 (\$4.70) while Shell Transports and Trading Co Plc was five pence (eight cents) off at £4.18 (\$6.60).

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The present import dependence figure of 70 per cent, he added, was expected to grow to 90 per cent as demand increased and production from existing oilfields in the East Asia region declined.

Another expert, Feridun Fesharaki, said shipments from the Gulf states to the region would rise to 8.9 million BPD in the year 2000 from 5.7 million BPD in 1990.

He said existing East Asian oilfields were in decline, and this would result in higher dependence on imports. He was of the view that the Pacific region's oil production would fall to 5.4 million BPD in the year 2000 from 5.9 million BPD in 1990.

Other experts told the conference, according to a Reuters despatch, that even as Asian nations became more dependent on imported oil, they were pushing ahead with aggressive expansion plans in refining and petrochemicals.

"In the 1990s, the Asia-Pacific countries are expected to invest between \$27 billion and 28 billion in refining and petrochemical processing," the news agency quoted Ms Nancy Frame of the US Trade and Development Programme as saying.

She added that demand for refined products and petrochemicals in the region would grow by eight to 10 per cent per year through the early 1990s.

Another expert, L.N. Sundaresan of the Indian Ministry of Industry, said that the most "dramatic" expansion was expected in India where plans called for new petrochemical plants which would increase the country's ethylene production capacity to two million tonnes a day during the next decade from the current 230,000 tonnes a day. He added that India intended to spend about \$8 billion on new petrochemical projects.

Meanwhile, Orville D. Gaither, president of the Amoco production company for the Middle East and Africa, told a meeting that by the early 21st century, Opec would be able to restore its production level to 31 million BPD.

Oil will continue to be the principal energy source in the future while the Middle East will maintain its "pre-eminent role" in the world energy market, he said.

Gaither, who has been elected president of the world-wide society of petroleum engineers for 1990, said higher prices had made it economical to produce more oil and force customers to reduce usage after the late 1970s.

This period, he added, had seen one of the "biggest booms in exploration."

### Non-Opec urged to co-operate with Opec

VIENNA, Nov 10, (Kuna): Opec secretary Dr Subroto has advised non-Opec oil producers to co-operate with the organisation to ensure a gradual transition to future dependence on Opec oil "smoothly and without rancour."

In a foreword to the 1988 Opec annual Statistical Bulletin, issued by the organisation's Vienna-based secretariat here, Opec secretary general Dr Subroto says in this way the needs of both producers and consumers could be satisfied.

He maintains that Opec producers, assured of stable and predictable demand for their oil, will be encouraged to "make those investments in their oil industries which are necessary to guarantee adequate supplies to consumers at reasonable prices."

Subroto points out that future world oil demand will increasingly have to be met by Opec member countries.

"The world lives by trade. And trade fosters not only prosperity, but also promotes international harmony and understanding. I see no reason whatever why trade in oil cannot be conducted in the same healthy atmosphere," he says.

### Slow exports, high inflation

## Seoul to revive sagging economy

SEOUL, South Korea, Nov 10, (AP): Economic Planning Minister Cho Soon said today the government will take extensive measures soon, including a lowering of interest rates, to revive the sagging South Korean economy.

Cho made the statement after reporting to President Roh Tae-Woo that the South Korean economy was in serious trouble, with slow exports and high inflation.

"Our economy may plunge into an irrecoverable stage unless proper actions are taken urgently," Cho told reporters.

Cho's remarks immediately spurred the stock market, where the composite index rose a record 34.33 points, closing at 907.21. It was the biggest one-day gain since 23 points on April 13.

Previously, Cho had been saying that despite some difficulties, the Korean economy was still healthy and no urgent measures were needed to support it.

Cho's remarks followed a government report Thursday that revised the forecast for Korea's economic growth rate this year to 6.5 per cent, the lowest since 1985, when the economy grew 7 per cent.

At the start of the year, the forecast had been for at least 8 per cent growth, but officials revised the forecast to 7.5 per cent in June, citing slumping exports.

After more than 12 per cent growth in three consecutive years starting in 1986, the Korean economy slumped noticeably this year, with exports slowing and consumer prices increasing.

Export, the engine of the Korean economy, were hurt by prolonged labour strikes and trade friction with the United States and other countries. Industrial investment declined and unemployment rose.

According to government figures, Korea's exports in the first 10 months of this year rose only 4 per cent from the same period last year, to \$30.4 billion. Imports in the same period jumped 19 per cent to \$30.3 billion.

Even with new government measures, this year's exports would remain below \$63 billion, \$5 billion lower than the previous revised projection of \$68 billion, officials said.

Cho said the new government measures under study would include a lowering of bank interest rates, devaluation of the won against the US dollar and more preferential funds available for export industries.

The minister did not say when the new measures would begin, but one official at Cho's economic planning board said on condition of not being identified that he would be announced before the end of this month "at the latest."

Another official at the board said bank rates, including the central bank discount rate, would be lowered by up to 2.5 percentage points in two stages over a three-to-four-month period. He also spoke on condition of not being identified.

### Plans to boost JD

AMMAN, Nov 10, (Reuters): Jordan's Central Bank will sell dollars to banks at below market rates on Saturday in a new attempt to boost the dinar, the official news agency Petra said today.

It said the bank, in its first intervention since Oct 2, would sell dollars at 680 fils to be resold at a maximum of 685 fils.

For the past five weeks the dinar has traded at 685/690 fils while the central bank has gradually lowered the dinar to its present official rate of 636/642 fils to the dollar.

The latest move was in line with the government's IMF-agreed target of unifying the exchange rate by the end of the year.

The Central Bank's rates apply to imports of subsidised foodstuffs, medicine, fees of Jordanians studying abroad and remittances of foreign agricultural workers.

### Gold softens

## Dollar ends higher

LONDON, Nov 10, (Agencies): The dollar finished higher against other major currencies today, as the exodus of people from East Germany to West Germany fuelled demand for the US currency.

Gold prices fell. The dollar was benefiting from East Germany's decision yesterday to open its borders for the first time in 28 years to unrestricted travel, dealers said.

"Europe has perceived a need to buy dollars," one London trader said. "There's a feeling that because of the possible improved relationship between East and West, Europeans are likely to buy more American goods."

Other dealers said a weaker West German mark pushed the dollar higher.

WASHINGTON, Nov 10, (AP): The Federal Reserve, after weeks of complaints from President George Bush's administration about high interest rates, has nudged a key interest rate lower.

Analysts predicted yesterday that the move would trigger widespread declines in a variety of US consumer and business borrowing rates.

As a result of the US central bank's move, economists were looking for commercial banks to cut their prime lending rate by one-half a percentage point.

Wall Street was buoyed by the central bank's action, with stock prices rising sharply on investor optimism that the central bank was moving to keep the economy from slipping into a recession. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks closed with a gain of 26.23 points at 2,623.36.

However, analysts said there was little doubt that such a decision had been made, given the fact that a bellwether interest rate, the federal funds rate, traded again Wednesday at 8.5 per cent, down from 8.75 per cent when the week began.

In London, the British pound fell to \$1.5765 from \$1.5863 late Thursday.

Other late dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Thursday: ■ 1.8625 West German marks, up from 1.8475.

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## Taiwan to cancel flights to Cairo

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Nov 10, (AP): Taiwan's China Airlines will stop flying to Cairo Nov 20 because Beijing has complained about the flights, a government official reported yesterday.

Lou Wei-Hwa, spokesman for Taiwan's Civil Aeronautics Administration, said China told Egypt the flights violated conditions of their diplomatic accord.

Egypt switched its diplomatic relations from the Nationalists on Taiwan to mainland China in 1956.

China Airlines, Taiwan's official flag carrier, inaugurated three weekly stopovers in Cairo on its Taipei-Amsterdam service July 1. Airline officials said about 2,700 passengers, mostly tourists, have flown to Cairo on the flights.

Lou said China Airlines will switch its stopovers to Dhahran in Saudi Arabia, which has diplomatic ties with Taiwan.

When the Cairo flights were inaugurated, the local press lauded them as a diplomatic breakthrough for Taiwan in the absence of formal ties with Egypt.

Both the Nationalists and communists maintain they are the sole legitimate government of all China. The Nationalists lost a civil war to the communists in 1949 and both sides are technically still at war.

Taiwan is recognised by 26 nations, compared to the 136 that have ties with China. Belize, Liberia and Grenada switched their diplomatic ties from China to Taiwan this year, and Beijing accused Taiwan of offering monetary incentives to lure them away.

## Trade deficit to slash growth

RABAT, Nov 10, (Reuters): Morocco's large foreign debt and a rising trade deficit will slash its economic growth to three per cent this year from 10 per cent in 1988, Finance Minister Mohamed Berrada has said.

Interest payments on the foreign debt were six per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), or one third of foreign exchange earnings, Berrada told parliament yesterday.

The World Bank puts Morocco's foreign debt at \$22 billion, making it the eighth most indebted developing nation. Moroccan officials have put the debt at \$19 billion.

Berrada said the trade deficit this year would rise to three per cent of GDP, due partly to higher prices of oil and other imported goods and a slump in exports by the phosphate industry, mainstay of the economy.

GDP was 181 billion dirhams (\$21.5 billion) in 1988.

Official figures show the trade deficit grew more than 60 per cent in the first six months of this year from 5.8 billion dirhams to 9.5 billion (\$700 to 1.130 million).

However official figures show the cost of living index rose 5.7 per cent in the first nine months of this year, mainly because of higher food prices, and economic analysts say the annual inflation rate could hit six per cent.

Berrada said Rabat held talks with commercial banks and foreign governments this year to try to ease the foreign debt burden.

## Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Nov 10, (Kuna): Following are the average KID interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-1/4	8-1/2
3 months	8-1/4	8-1/2
6 months	8-1/4	8-1/2
1 year	8-1/4	8-1/2

## Currency rates

KUWAIT, Nov 10, (Kuna): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, yesterday.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.2951	0.2956
Sterling	0.4731	0.4749
Dm.	0.1614	0.1627
Sfr.	0.1844	0.1857
F. fr.	0.0476	0.0487
It. lira	0.00021	0.00022
Jap. yen	0.00021	0.00022
B. dirham	0.7993	0.7985
UAE dirham	0.0820	0.0817
S. riyal	0.0790	0.0799
O. riyal	0.0819	0.0823
Q. riyal	0.7452	0.7422

## Exchange Rates

Indian rupee	17.790
Sri Lankan rupee	7.580
Pakistani rupee	14.180
Bangladesh taka	9.190
US dollar	299.35
Pound sterling	0.8147
1 UAE dirham	16240
Japanese yen	0.02105

## UK excludes nuclear power from electricity sale

LONDON, Nov 10, (Reuters): The British government, in a substantial reversal, said yesterday it would exclude nuclear power from its planned £15 billion (\$24 billion) privatisation of the electricity industry.

Energy Secretary John Wakeham told parliament the country's nuclear stations would remain under government control as a new company, which he predicted would provide 15 to 20 per cent of Britain's electricity in the mid-1990s.

The announcement was a political embarrassment to the government, which

said in July it would remove small and ageing Magnox nuclear power stations from the sale but pledged it would include the newer advanced gas-cooled reactors and a proposed chain of pressurised water reactors.

It was the latest in a series of setbacks that has dogged the planned sale of both the water and electricity industries in recent months.

The decision reflected widespread views in the industry that private investors would be wary of the financial risks

involved in the nuclear programme, particularly the high cost of decommissioning stations and reprocessing spent fuel.

Wakeham said nuclear power was considerably more costly than power from fossil-fuelled generating stations and that "unprecedented guarantees" were being sought by financial institutions over the inclusion of nuclear stations in the privatisation.

"I am not willing to underwrite the private sector in this way," he added. Wakeham said the government was

determined to complete the sale of the rest of the industry, its biggest privatisation so far, by June 1992.

It has already been delayed by up to six months and the creation of the first of a dozen independent companies ahead of the flotation will not now take place before March next year.

The decision was seen as a blow to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the driving force behind the privatisation programme and champion of the nuclear power as "clean" energy.

## Plans to promote investment and trade

# Bush vows continued assistance to Aquino

WASHINGTON, Nov 10, (UPI): President Bush pledged continued assistance to Philippine President Corazon Aquino at a welcoming ceremony at the White House yesterday, telling her: "You deserve our help and we will give it."

At the red carpet ceremony on the south lawn in a light rain, Bush noted that high among Aquino's chief concerns are the "promotion of private investment and trade" during her round of talks with government officials and members of Congress.

"On a personal note, 45 years ago, almost to this very day, I was a 20-year-old kid piloting a torpedo plane on a raid against enemy shipping in Manila bay," Bush said in his welcoming remarks.

"President Aquino has often spoken on her belief that God has a plan. I don't doubt it. For looking back today, I realize, as I safely flew back to that ship on that November day in 1944, somewhere far below" in a Philippine town "an 11-year-old girl, a convent student, waited with her family."

"A remarkable child, proud of her family and her people. Today, it is my privilege and honour to welcome her to the White House."

Saying, "America loves Cory," Bush recalled how Americans cheered Aquino on her first visit to Washington three years ago after her rise to power.

The wife of slain opposition leader Benigno Aquino, she

## Fund launched on NYSE

NEW YORK, Nov 10, (UPI): The First Philippine Fund Inc., which opened for trading on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday, is designed to bring new capital into the Southeast Asian nation's stock market, advisers said yesterday.

"We are an emerging market, but we are on our way to being a newly industrialized country," said Leopoldo Clemente, the president of Clemente Capital Inc., the fund's New York-based investment adviser. "We hope we will get there by the year 2000."

He said one of the areas of opportunity for the new investment fund is the Philippine's slowly developing denationalization programme.

"We intend to participate in that," Clemente said.

Major state enterprises scheduled to be privatized include Manila Electric, Philippine Airlines and the Philippine National Oil Co.

Another advantage offered of the fund is that it will be able to acquire so-called A shares, whose ownership is limited to Philippine nationals compared with B shares, which are open to foreign ownership but restricted to 40 per cent of total equity in a company.

The First Philippine Fund, the most active issue on the New York Stock Exchange, closed at \$14.4 a share, up 25 cents from its opening price. Its book value of shares in the closed-end fund is \$12.

Trading in the new issue was launched by Philippine President Corazon Aquino, in New York on the first day of a US tour. She rang a bell marking the start of business, then visited the trading floor.

The entire \$7.8 million share issue in the New Philippine Fund was subscribed through the lead Japanese underwriter Nomura Securities along with PaineWebber Inc., Credit Lyonnais and the International Finance Corp., an arm of the World Bank, Clemente said.

He said the Philippine equity market has expanded rapidly since President Corazon Aquino came to power in February 1986. Stock market capitalization stood at \$1 billion at the time of the revolution, when then-president Ferdinand Marcos was ousted, and now is at \$11 billion, he said.

"It's a high-growth economy that is about to enter the take-off phase," Clemente said.

came to power in 1986 with the peaceful "people power" ouster of Ferdinand Marcos and has managed to stabilise the political turmoil in Manila.

"You deserve our help and you will get it and I pledge our continued assistance," Bush said. "That means security assistance, as well as aid to economic development, and it means co-

operation in your important debt reduction programme. Your priorities are our priorities... eliminating poverty and preserving the environment, resistance to the murderous anti-democracy forces of the communist insurgency."

Bush said the "multilateral initiative developed with Japan and the World Bank and the

depository receipts, and another in Britain for Jaguar's ordinary shares.

In its November 7 ruling made public yesterday, the commission decided waiving the date for share purchases would allow for equal treatment of all holders of Jaguar ordinary shares.

The ruling cannot be called precedent-setting since it is only a one-time exemption for Ford, Sirignano said. But it does provide companies wanting to conduct a similar takeover with a blueprint on how to structure an international bid to the commission's satisfaction, he said.

It also shows that the mood at the commission is to remove constraints to the global flow of capital, a theme often repeated by new chairman Richard Brudenel during his congressional confirmation hearings in September.

The commission has held informal discussions with British authorities on ways to harmonise their securities regulations but no agreements have been reached, Sirignano said.

Ford's \$8.50 (\$13.35) a share bid for Jaguar is set to expire on December 8.

equal footing from a revamped banking sector.

"The banking sector will be pushed forward. The banks will be at the service of the companies, and they (the banks) will look for credit." Previously, the treasury was the main supplier of credit to the public sector.

Hedouci said the reforms were intended to revive, not to weaken, the state sector, built up during the 1970s under a socialist development programme.

"It would be ridiculous today to weaken the public sector because the less we produce, the less we will resolve our problem of foreign debt and the less we will emerge from the crisis."

Algeria, racked by youth riots last year, suffers low productivity, high unemployment and a foreign debt of \$24 billion.

## SEC relaxes takeover rules

WASHINGTON, Nov 10, (Reuters): The US Securities and Exchange Commission for the first time relaxed certain takeover rules to ensure that Ford Motor Company's \$2.5 billion bid for British luxury car maker Jaguar proceeds smoothly, the agency said yesterday.

"Although technical in nature, the ruling exemplifies the commission's long-standing readiness to remove red tape that blocks international business deals," said David Sirignano, chief of tender offers.

"It does indicate the willingness by the commission to be flexible in the administration of its rules to allow cross-border takeovers to take place," said Sirignano.

Ford sought exemption from a US rule that requires shares tendered in a takeover offer to be purchased as soon as all bid conditions are met.

In Britain, however, tender offers remain open for 14 days after conditions of the buyout are fulfilled.

This created a discrepancy over when the takeover would close since Ford's bid is divided into two parts — one US offer for the more than 25 per cent of Jaguar shares held in the United States and traded as American

## Foreign debt totals \$24b

ALGIERS, Nov 10, (Reuters): Algeria will this month liberalise foreign trade, allowing manufacturers to import and export directly, Economy Minister Ghazal Hedouci said.

Hedouci told Algiers radio in an interview broadcast yesterday: "Production companies will be free to import and export as they wish."

Previously, certain state firms held monopoly rights to import certain commodities.

The measures are part of sweeping economic reforms designed to reinvigorate a stagnant economy and give state enterprises, which account for three-quarters of economic activity, more autonomy.

Hedouci also said the public sector would no longer receive special credit privileges. Both private and public firms would have to seek credit on an

## 11 charged in NatWest scandal

LONDON, Nov 10, (Reuters): Eleven people, including former top officials of a London investment bank and a Swiss-owned stockbroker, were charged yesterday with conspiracy to defraud in a deal which created the world's largest employment agency.

The scandal involving the 1987 takeover by Britain's Blue Arrow PLC of Manpower Inc. of the United States was among the biggest to rock London's financial district in years.

Britain's serious fraud office said the 11 were arrested and charged after a probe into a department of Trade and Industry report last July which examined a failed rights issue by Blue Arrow to fund the \$1.3 billion takeover of the US firm.

Police said earlier that 10 people had been detained.

The report alleged County NatWest misled the stock market by failing to disclose it was left with a 13.4 per cent stake in Blue Arrow after underwriting the issue.

Government inspectors also criticised the role of UBS Phillips and Drew which placed part of the rights issue.

Share analysts said the alleged attempt to mask the remaining holding could be interpreted as an effort to support Blue Arrow's share price and disguise the failure of the issue, which coincided with the October 1987 world stock markets crash.

In a police sweep yesterday, County NatWest's former chairman Charles Villiers, ex-chief executive Jonathan Cohen and its current finance director, Stephen Clark, were arrested and charged with conspiracy to defraud.

The others charged were former County NatWest directors David Reel, Nicholas Wells and Elizabeth "Brimelow", former Phillips and Drew directors Philip Gibbs, Timothy Brown, Christopher Stainforth and Paul Smallwood, and Alan Keat, a partner in a London law firm.

All of those arrested were due to appear before a London magistrate today.

The scandal, which the DTI report said was caused by lax boardroom supervision, led to the resignation last July of Lord Boardman, chairman of National Westminster, and three of the parent bank's senior directors — Charles Green, Terry Green and John Plafwest.

A NatWest statement at the time said Boardman, who was not blamed in the DTI document, resigned in support of his colleagues and because he felt ultimately responsible.

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## London facing growing competition

# London rents are the highest in the West

LONDON, Nov 10, (AP): London has the most expensive office rents in the West, outstripping those of New York, Paris and Frankfurt, the Bank of England said today.

Only Tokyo among the major financial centres has higher office costs than London, the Central Bank said.

In terms of living expenses for the families of top executives, London is cheaper than Japan and in line with New York and major European cities, it said.

The findings were published in the bank's quarterly bulletin. Tokyo office rents cost £99 (\$157) a square foot per year, the article said.

It put London office rents at £65 (\$103) a square foot, compared with £36 (\$57) in Midtown Manhattan, and £25 (\$40) in New York City's downtown.

Office rents in Paris came to £34 (\$54) a square foot and Frankfurt, £22 (\$35).

Living expenses in London, the bank said, are "not far out of line with its main European counterparts or New York, (and) considerably cheaper than Japan."

Studies of cost of living, staff, overhead, tax and property have shown that London overall is a cheaper business location than Brussels, Frankfurt or Paris, the bank said.

However, it warned that transport congestion could make London less appealing as an international financial centre.

The article said: "This congestion is likely to become a serious concern unless major improvements, currently under examination, can be made in the foreseeable future."

London faces growing competition as an international financial centre as deregulation increases the appeal of other cities, the Bank of England said.

"Measures such as the progressive deregulation of interest rates and development of the Japan offshore market may further increase Tokyo's competitiveness," it said.

Japan has seen its market share of international banking quadruple in recent years and is now on a par with London, figures published by the bank show.

They now both have a 20.5 per cent share of international business but back in 1980 Japan's share was five per cent against London's 27 per cent.

In the Eurobond sector, changes in rules relating to private placement bonds in the US could lead to the repatriation of some dollar-related business, it said. Meanwhile, the opening of futures exchanges in Germany and Switzerland looked set to mount a challenge to London's own market, Liffe.

## Bombay shares

El Hotels	65	64	67
Escorts	76.50	76.50	77.25
BSE Index	127.71	117.50	119.68
Elctel	116.25	116.25	116.25
Essar Sp	23.15	22.85	23.25
Food Spl	105.50	105	105
Forbes	48.75	48	50
Gan Poly	55.50	55	56
Gillette	102	101	103
GNFC	32.75	33	32.50
Grasim	108.50	108	109
Index for 08/11	2505	2510	2540
Cen Spex	190	190	191.25
Colgate	1250	—	—
Crom Gr	1250	—	—
DCM	15	12	13
Deep Fert	28	28	28
Dunlop	70	68	70
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Grasim	108.50	108	109
Ray Wool	67.50	68.25	68
Ind Ind	180	188.75	187.50
Reliance	83.20	83	82
Seam Gas	60	60	59.50
Shaw Wall	—	—	—
Shree Cem	—	—	—
Shud Ind	55	53	54
Siemens	73	72	74
SKF	1290	1260	1290
Sulph	46.75	46	48
Su Mills	46	50	48
Tata Oil	46	45	46
Tata Oil	67.50	67	68
Tata Chem	117	116.50	117.50
Tata Pow	375	377	380
Telcel	1037.5	1042.5	1040
Thrup Agro	—	—	—
Tanco	114	115.25	114
Varel	156.25	155	160
Vareli	22.50	22	23
Volvas	930	910	925
Winco	23.50	23.75	22
Zenith	54	53	55
Zuari Agro	73.50	74	75
Compiled by Kuwait-India International Exchange Co.			





Marco's assistant Celine Fernandes pulls the flags of different countries from Marco's mouth.



Marco the Magician



Marco turns pieces of paper into currency notes.

## Little tricks and serious business

Marco the Magician performs in Kuwait

By Peter D'Souza  
Arab Times staff

MARCO, the Magician performed his first magic show in Kuwait on Thursday at the Granada Cinema, but failed to draw a large crowd.

The first part of the show consisted of a large number of little tricks but later on he went on to serious business.

He entranced his lady assistant and suspended her in the air supported only by a small pole. He also divided her into three parts by putting her in a box and

then pushing the middle section away showing the three divisions of her body.

Marco's guillotine was another wonderful device. In what Marco called a fidelity test, he asked a person from the audience to come to the stage. When an handsome man appeared on the stage, Marco put him a simple question. "Have you ever been unfaithful to your wife?"

"No," came the quick reply. Marco then told him that he would test him to know if he was telling a lie.

Marco asked the young man to put his

neck under the blade of the guillotine. He also kept some cucumbers under the blade and warned the young man again that he would get killed if he lied about his faithfulness.

As soon as the man said that he was not lying, Marco pulled the lever on the guillotine and the blade came crashing down.

The cucumbers were sliced in halves but the man's neck remained unharmed.

Marco in another trick "pierced" a sword through the neck of his assistant without causing her any harm. He also

made her change dresses in just three seconds.

In another trick he made pigeons pass through a solid glass pane and in a different act turned them into rabbits.

He also made a silver ball float in the air. The mysterious ball dipped and glided above Marco's magic cloth. In yet another act Marco swallowed a small ball and pulled out flags of different countries from his mouth. At one stage he turned pieces of paper into currency notes.

His linking and unlinking of Chinese rings and guessing the correct playing card thought out by one of the members of the audience was quite good.

But the only thing that was lacking in the show was excitement.

Though the music blared in the background, after every act Marco remained silent. If he could babble a bit like Paul Daniels he could have set the Thames on fire.

Marco's magic show was organised by the Expatriate Club.

### TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

#### KTV 1

9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran  
9.45 Sabah Al Khair Variety and News  
9.55 Around the World: Cartoon Serial  
10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)  
10.30 Fi Muntazaf Al Lail: Local Serial  
11.30 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety  
12.00 Min Matakhi: Local Programme

#### Evening

4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran  
4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)  
4.45 Alice in Wonderland: Cartoon serial  
5.15 The Young Artist: Local Serial  
6.15 Al Islam Hadhara: Religious Serial  
7.15 Noor Al Islam: Religious Programme  
7.35 Cultural Programme  
8.00 Security and Citizens: Local Programme  
8.30 Good Evening and

#### local news

9.00 News in Arabic  
9.45 Tareq Min Al Sama: Arabic Serial  
10.30 Al Mutaqqad: Arabic late night feature show, starring Saad Al Dean Baqounis, Hala Shawkat, and Yaseen Baqounis.

#### KTV 2

6.00 Opening Announcement and Holy Quran  
6.10 Hello Kitty, A cartoon series for children

6.30 The Story-Teller: "Sapsorrow." An old aged king decides to marry the woman his ring fits.

7.00 A Day in The Life: "The Kestrel." A dialogue between the kestrel, a type of hawk, the owl and a number of other birds and animals.

7.30 Out of This World: "Pupils' Court." Evie and her friend compete with each other about a date with their boyfriend William. A

pupils' court is held to decide on this matter.

8.00 News in English.

8.30 Diamonds: "Back In Fashion." Rennie seeks the help of Mike and Christina to find a fashion designer who mysteriously disappeared.

9.30 Portrait of The Soviet Union: "Swords and Ploughshare." "Ukraine" the land of pastures and beautiful landscapes. Ukraine under the German

occupation during World War II.

10.30 Late night film: "Let's Get Harry." A Colombian drug trafficker kidnaps an American ambassador and an American citizen called Harry. The latter negotiates with them to set free Colombian traffickers arrested in the United States.

12.30 News in Brief  
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

### WHAT'S ON

#### ARTS

##### Islamic Art

A SIX week -- 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 - 12.00 noon. October 29 through December 5, 1989.

An eight week -- eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 - 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.

To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am - 12.30 pm.

**Watercolour painting**  
LEARN watercolour painting with Patricia Milnes. New 8 week course in drawing and painting for adults. For details Tel: 5618847.

**Sultan Gallery**  
A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery. Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

**Hobby centre**  
New Courses in Jewellery making and design for adults. For children there is Pottery starting next month for 6 weeks. Tel: 5618847, 5317354.

#### SOCIAL

##### Musical Show

DEC 1: Musical Entertainment show at Doha Entertainment City in 'Starlight Theatre' with Live Rock 'n' Roll, Pop and Reggae music from the most popular and dynamic beat groups of Kuwait.

'Top Ranks' and 'Next of Kins'. The Highlights: Fancy dress competition, live stage performance of jive, break dance and solo dancing by Joe: Misquita, Tony & their dancing group. Including many surprises.

For complete details Twinkle on: 4879455 ext. 298 (4 pm to 9 pm); Hilary, 2649442; John

Philip, 2546890 (after 6 pm); Tom and Luiza, 2661370. For tickets contact: Andrew at Dreamland Tailor's, 1st floor, above Raja Stores, opp. Canara Exchange.

NB: Transportation is available.

**Navellin feast**  
The feast of Our Lady of Rosary, Navellin will be celebrated on 15.11.89, at the Holy Family Cathedral at 7.15 am.

**Star Nite**  
DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a nite to Celebrate Yuletide. Fun fare for children and variety programme for others starting from 5-8.30 pm and goes on from 9 pm until sumptuous buffet mid-night. A galore of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under 555 sponsorship invitations with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market and contact Tel: 5331940, 2413706 Res.

**Navellin Youth Centre**  
NOV 16: An annual get-together nite with live music from "Stepping Stones" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom - Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex - 2426334, Mr Marian - 2416945.

**Daniella Bingo**  
NOV 15, 8 pm: Daniella invites all Danes to Bingo games at the Gazelle club. For reservations please call Luge on 3727690 ext 207 or Karen Marie on 3715146 before November 13.

**Flaskik's love drive**  
CANNED goods and second hand clothes are needed for Flaskik's love drive. Blankets and winter wear are desperately needed for Flaskik's welfare beneficiaries. Kindly contact any Flaskik officer if you have any donations. Flaskik's Christmas Project FLASKIK invites everyone to its December project, a Christmas Carol Concert featuring the famous melodiously-talented Filipino Choir under its director Gilda Navarro.

**Get together**  
DEC 22: Southerners welcome you once again to a family get-together at Le Mirage Hall at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel at 10 am.

**Magic Show**  
The Expatriate's Club present, for the first time in Kuwait, Marco -- the International Magician who will perform his winning 1989 Award Show at the Granada Cinema on Thursday 9 November at 5 pm and Friday 10 November at 4 pm. Tickets, priced KD4, KD3 and KD2, are available at Raja Stores tel: 2412970, Wilson tel: 3918905 office hours and 3726038 home, Tony tel: 5653056 after 5pm, Val tel: 5614506 after 5pm and the Granada Cinema on the show day.

**Contact**  
THE next meeting of Contact, the ladies information group, will be held on Saturday, November 11, at 10:00 am at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Newcomers are particularly welcome. For more information call 3720197 or 4874513 or 5388105.

**People's Trust Club**  
DEC 29: People's Trust Club welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel, New Ballroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry palate, perfect blend of music and style. A get-together with buffet. Featuring Stepping Stones, Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers. There will be novelties and surprises galore. Contact Columbus on 4348218.

**Pianist wanted**  
KUWAIT Little Theatre -- Ahmadi urgently require a pianist to help with their pantomime rehearsals and performances. Anyone interested, please call S. Prescott on 3725960 after 3 pm.

**Tribute to Hemant Kumar**  
IN FOND remembrance of Hemant Kumar the Indian Arts Circle, in association with Bengali Cultural Society, is arranging a musical evening at the IAC auditorium on Nov 16, 1989 at 8 pm. On this solemn occasion leading singers of Kuwait will pay tribute to Hemant Kumar by rendering his song.

Free entry passes will be available from the IAC office. For details contact 5621379, 2644863 or IAC 3904817.

**Jazz Night**  
NOV 29: In response to overwhelming demand, once again Phil Thomas and the "High Spirits" will be extending their "Jazzical" repertoire for your enjoyment. From 8pm to 12 midnight. Phone: 5640981.

**Indian Arts Circle**  
OFFICERS and the band of the visiting Indian Navy Ship will be at the Indian Arts Circle on Friday the 10th November 1989, from 9 am to 2 pm.

From 9.45 am to 11.45 am the Navy Band will be playing at the IAC for the school children of all the Indian schools in Kuwait. There will be an entertainment programme in honour of the visitors by IAC from 11.45 am to 12.45 pm. These programmes are open to all the members and their guests and school children with their parents.

Thereafter, IAC will be hosting a lunch for the visiting officers and the band of the Indian Navy. Admission for the lunch will be restricted with passes and IAC members are requested to collect the passes for them and their guests from the IAC office.

**December Delights**  
DEC 8: Expatriates Club announces its Yuletide gala-social for children and adults at the SAS 'Tent' Hotel from 0930 hours onwards. Gifts for all children, fancy dress, hamper prizes, lunch buffet, gifts, prizes and surprises from the sponsors and the club. Book early for table reservations. Wilson 3918938, Val 5614506 (after 4 pm) and Tony 5653056 (after 5 pm). Music by Stepping Stones.

**Kuwait Cultural Centre**  
THE Kuwait Cultural Centre is opening a French Language course to be held on Saturdays and Mondays. For further detail please contact 5624393.

**British Council**  
Children's Film Showing: Sleeping Beauty. Wednesday, 15 Nov. at 6.00 pm.

Thursday, 16 Nov. at 10.30 am. Once upon a time, a beautiful princess was woken from a cen-

tury of sleep by the tender kiss of a handsome prince. The immortal tale of Sleeping Beauty is brought to life in this enchanting film starring Morgan Fairchild, Tahnee Welch and Nicholas Clay. This is superb entertainment for the young and also for the young at heart.

85th Birthday Tribute to Graham Greene  
The British Council is holding an 85th Birthday Tribute to Graham Greene with an exhibit of a set of posters about his life and works during the whole month of November. On Tuesday, 14 Nov., Saturday, "The Human Factor" will be shown at the Gallery starting at 5.00 pm. Admission is free but please book seats by calling 2515512, 2533204, 2533227.

**Nostalgia Filipina**  
THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will organise the Philippine Community Day on Friday, November 24, which coincides with the selection of Hiyas ng Pilipinas -- Kuwait '89, a personality and talent contests. The theme of this year's celebration is Nostalgia Filipina.

The association's main objective of this year's project is to ease loneliness and homesickness of the Filipinos in Kuwait and to feel that they are not away from home.

The Hiyas is the first of its kind by Kapilku and this year's selection will be the biggest, more colourful and exciting ever, Kapilku president Manny Inserto said.

It will be a cultural show and musical extravaganza will be an added attraction to all guests which will be performed by best Filipino singers in Kuwait. For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang, Vice-president for Social and Cultural Affairs and the chairperson of the project on telephone No. 4843447 or Jun Mercado vice-chairman on telephone number 4899418.

**Kuwait Goans**  
DEC 15: Annual children's Xmas tree function will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Friday, December 15, '89 from 9.30 am onwards. Lots of prizes and surprises awaits for one and all. Top Ranks in attendance.

To avoid disappointment call for your early bookings on 2413348.

**Kuwait Welsh Society**  
A 'Nosen Lawen' will be held

on 16th November, 1989 at 8 pm. New members welcome. For details ring 3713467 or 3721383.

**Punjabi Adabi Sangat**  
THE monthly meeting of Punjabi Adabi Sangat will be held in Abbasiya at 9.30 pm at the residence of Rashid Mewati. Dr. Palwinder Singh Jathol and Baqi Ahmed Puri will present articles and poems respectively for criticism. Participating poets will recite their poems at the end of the meeting.

**Carom tournament**  
PEOPLE'S Trust Club carom tournament for all Indians will be held on Nov 17 in Caravan's Restaurant, Fahd Al Salem Street, beside Hardees. Draw will be at Caravan's Restaurant at 9 am sharp.

**Kuwait**  
Al Kahira  
Fahd Al Salem Street  
Al Mugeel  
Abdullah Al Mubarak Street  
Hawalli & Nagra  
Hawalli  
Tunis Street  
Salmiyah  
Finikaya  
Salem Al Mubarak Street  
Fahabheel  
Al Khalaj  
Fahabheel  
Khitam  
Al Fahd  
Kheitan  
Reggae  
Al Reggae  
Al Jahra  
Abraj

**Ramanan & Chandrika**  
Under the patronage of UMO various cultural programmes were conducted in Sharq Co-operative hall, among that an high catching duet dance performance by Umman Varughese Mangalassery based on a poetry "Ramanan and Chandrika" written by the great poet Changampuzha.

### BBC World Service

#### From Defiance to Independence

THE state of Missouri in America's mid-west is known as the "Show Me" state referring to its inhabitants reputation for believing only what they can see. Its unremarkable landscape of woodland and green fields hides many surprises like the most modern and highly computerised newsroom in the world which serves as a test-bench for journalism and is situated in a town of just 65,000 inhabitants. In a series of four programmes Paddy Feeney travels the state to find what other mysteries it holds and his journey begins in the town of Defiance.

Wednesday, November 15 at 12.45 and 22.45  
Frequencies: 17.64 MHz/17.01m; 15.07 MHz/19.91m; 11.76 MHz/25.51m.

#### What do Muslims believe?

A LARGE percentage of listeners to the World Service are of the Muslim faith, a faith which is misunderstood by many people. In this new series of five programmes Professor John Bowker, Dean of Trinity College, Cambridge sets out to tackle some of the misconceptions he believed many people have about Islam. He talks to Muslims who explain in their own words just how divided the world of Islam is not just in religious understanding but also on the role of women, and on the subjects of science and education.

Sunday, November 12 at 17.01 and Monday, November 13 at 09.30 and 13.01  
Frequencies: 17.64 MHz/17.01m; 15.07 MHz/19.91m; 11.76 MHz/25.51m.

#### Globe Theatre

TWICE a year Sam, an American novelist and Henry, a British novelist and a homosexual, meet for lunch. Sam is in trouble with his wife who recognises too many character in his new novel while Henry reveals that his black lover has just died and illness has confined him to a wheelchair. As the drinking intensifies Sam takes Henry on a strange trip through London. Written by the American playwright Richard Nelson the play stars Edward Asner and John Woodvine.

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### CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
One Man Force  
Salmiyah  
Hall booked  
Al Hamra  
Arabic film  
Drive-in  
Arabic film  
Al Firdous  
Street Dance

Fahabheel Open  
Ek Duj Ke Liye  
Al Jahra  
Laughing Times  
Granada  
The Hard Way  
Salmiyah  
Arabic film  
Al Firdous  
Les Fugitifs

#### PRAYERS

Fajr 4.47 am  
Zuhr 11.32  
Asr 2.34 pm  
Maghreb 4.55  
Isha 6.15

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursdays, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.



## World of superstitions

# Don't marry, travel in May

LONDON, Nov 10. (Reuters): Conversing with magpies, bowing to the moon and spitting on babies might seem to some a sure ticket to an insane asylum. But not to the superstitious.

A "dictionary of superstitions" just published offers readers a register of the strange beliefs and customs that have become fixtures in world folklore over the centuries.

"Superstitions are the ornaments in life. They're harmless because you can always reverse them as long as you know the antidote," said Iona Opie, co-author of the book which took five years to compile.

It catalogues thousands of spells, charms and omens that shape human actions and some stomach-turning remedies to avert their dire consequences.

It lists superstitious advice on signs to observe when considering a trip or getting married — never contemplate matrimony in May or you shall rue the day — or the significance of animals and plants.

You may think covering youth mouth to stifle a yawn is a polite way of sparing others the sight of the fillings in your teeth but the dictionary tells you it's a belief to keep the devil out.

"When yawning, make the 'sign of the cross' instantly over the mouth or the evil spirit will make a rush down and take up his abode with you," is an 1887 entry from Ireland, a country where superstition thrives.

But superstitions know no boundaries and the same quotation is attributed to a London woman explaining as late as 1985 why a baby's mouth should be closed when it yawns.

"Superstition is one of the

mainstays of human behaviour, generating hopes of defeating the forces of evil, and influencing one's own fate," says the introduction to the 493-page dictionary.

Many superstitions, such as crossing your fingers when passing someone on the stairs or bowing to the new moon, are the relics of ancient pagan myths forced to go underground with the rise of Christianity.

Some of the techniques, such as warding off the evil intentions of a lone magpie, are remarkably simple.

"To this day I still nod my head and politely say 'good morning sir' when I catch sight of one," is a quotation dated 1969 in the section of magpies.

Back in 1897 all you had to do was spit twice behind your shoulder to reverse the bad luck.

Spitting appears to be a cure-all for spells provided you've just answered a call of nature and your aim is good.

"I am certainly not superstitious but I don't believe in tempting fate," says Opie, a sceptic who has nevertheless been known to touch wood occasionally "just in case."

The authors have tried not to overemphasise witchcraft, referring to it only when the origin of the superstition cannot be traced otherwise. But most superstitions involving women, who appear to have a monopoly over men as bearers of bad luck, seem to have their root in witchcraft.

The dictionary catalogues several superstitious "antidotes" — eating a roasted mouse as a "remedy" for bed-wetting and whooping cough or swallowing live frogs to "cure" an upset stomach.

## Even 34-year-old Italian 'kids' enjoy mama's cooking

MILAN, Nov 10. (Reuters): When Giovanni decided at the age of 27 to leave home and take a city flat, his mother was so distraught she refused to speak to him for six months.

Giovanni, a schoolteacher in Rome, was breaking a mould of stay-at-home young Italians who are becoming increasingly reluctant to abandon the comforts of the family nest.

Nearly 90 per cent of 19-26 year old Italians live with their parents and almost a third of the male population still enjoy's mama's home cooking at the age of 34, according to recent studies.

Researchers say the prolonged family life of young adults is a peculiarly Italian phenomenon that has blossomed in the 1980s.

"They feel good at home, because the atmosphere is good, because fathers and sons can talk to each other. Ten years ago no-one would have predicted that the family would have remained so strong," Milan family researcher Eugenia Scabini said.

Generation conflicts and the yearning for independence and freedom harboured by other Western youngsters mean that in countries like Denmark, West Germany and Britain more than half of 20-24 year olds have left home either to marry, live with partners, friends or alone.

The prospect has little attraction for most young Italians who appear afraid to face up to life's challenges on their own, according to a study by Milan's Catholic University.

Carlo, 30, a lawyer, and his girlfriend Maria, a university graduate with a well-paid public relations job, return home to their respective parents each night and after an eight year courtship are in no hurry to strike out on their own. They are the rule rather than the exception.

Italian parents, traditionally more child-centred and protective than their northern European counterparts, also show no desire to get their grown-up and educated offspring off their hands.

"Parents think that if their children don't leave home and don't argue with them it is because they are good parents," the Milan University study said.

"Parents appear to need to feel close to their children. And children appear to need maintaining

for longer in order to enjoy a way of life that would otherwise be more uncertain, more risky and more expensive for them. Therefore they stay at home," it added.

Only marriage tempts young Italians away from the nest and that comes relatively late — at 27 years old for men and 24 for women on average. Less than one per cent live alone or with partners outside marriage, the researchers found.

They also cited lack of cheap housing, the absence of welfare state support for young people, a home-town-based university system that takes most students five or six years to complete and a particularly high young unemployment rate compared to the rest of Europe.



Which is the best

With his nose pressed against the glass, a young boy looks at a Christmas display in a toy store on London's Oxford Street. With Christmas season just

around the corner, stores have begun decorating their windows with festive displays. (Reuters wire-photo)

## Coping with climate change

# Third World struggling

SEVERAL years ago, malarial mosquitoes appeared in the cool highlands of Kenya, where they had never been seen before, says Kenyan environmentalist Herik Othieno.

To the East African physicist, that's a signal that developing nations are beginning to feel the consequences of global warming.

"With temperatures rising world-wide, there are strong indications that their presence is one of the results of the greenhouse effect," Othieno told the Associated Press. The insects previously were found only in Kenya's low-lying hot areas.

For many Third World nations, plagued by fragile economies and substandard agricultural sectors, an atmospheric warm-up will have grave consequences, environmental experts warned during an international conference this week on the greenhouse effect.

That effect, believed to be triggered by emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases, traps the sun's warmth in the Earth's atmosphere, leading to a gradual increase in temperatures.

And while industrialised countries have more scientific potential to find technological solutions to the problem and more money to spend, most developing nations face severe constraints in trying to cope with climate change.

"Unfortunately, they do not have the means," said Celso

Roque, head of the Philippine delegation to the 68-nation conference.

Some experts believe that global warming, which amounted to a .7 degree Celsius (1.5 degree Fahrenheit) rise in the average world-wide temperature over the past century, is caused mainly by the carbon dioxide emissions from power plants, factories and cars in the industrialised world.

At the Noordwijk conference, delegates adopted a resolution calling for stabilisation of carbon dioxide emissions "as soon as possible."

But two of the largest industrialised nations in the world, the United States and Japan, refused to commit themselves to the year 2000 as the date by which stabilisation should be implemented.

A US spokesman, environmental protection agency chief William Reilly, told reporters in Noordwijk: "We support reductions in carbon dioxide emissions ... but we're not yet prepared to say at what time and at what level."

Many scientists predict that if those emissions — and those of other gases associated with the greenhouse effect — continue unabated, the pace of global warming could increase four to seven fold in the next century.

"I predict the Third World will be hardest hit by such a rise in temperatures," said environmentalist Dan Becker, a lobbyist for the Washington-based Sierra

club. "Think of their current unstable food situation — it can only get worse as their agricultural sectors collapse under environmental pressure," Becker said.

Many experts, among them Kenya's Othieno, believe that the greenhouse effect will lead to a vast increase in the world's desert areas.

Some experts also predict that low-lying coastal and Delta nations such as Bangladesh could be inundated as the sea level rises as a result of the melting polar ice caps.

"We may suppose that the absence of rains, and the unpredictable character of the weather in general, are initial signs of the greenhouse effect," said Othieno, a staff member of a Nairobi-based environmentalist group called Energy and Environment Organisation.

Roque, representative for the Philippines, painted a gloomy picture of a Third World hit by droughts precipitated by the greenhouse effect.

"Crop lands will turn into deserts, there will be more forest fires ... hydroelectric dams and irrigation systems will be rendered useless," Roque told delegates to the conference.

Continued global warming could result in ominous change in the world's oceans, according to Roque, who warned that "ocean currents will be modified with unpredictable consequences for world fisheries."

## Lisa Stansfield holds top spot on British pop chart

LONDON, Nov 10. (AP): Lisa Stansfield held onto the top spot on the British pop singles chart this week with "All Around The World."

1. (1) All Around The World — Lisa Stansfield (Arista).

2. (3) Girl I'm Gonna Miss You — Milli Vanilli (Columbia).

3. (4) Street Tuff — Rebel MC and Double Trouble (Desire).

4. (20) Never Too Late — Kylie Minogue (PWL).

5. (2) That's What I Like — Jive Bunny And The Masters Mixers (Music Factory).

6. (22) Another Day In Paradise — Phil Collins (Virgin).

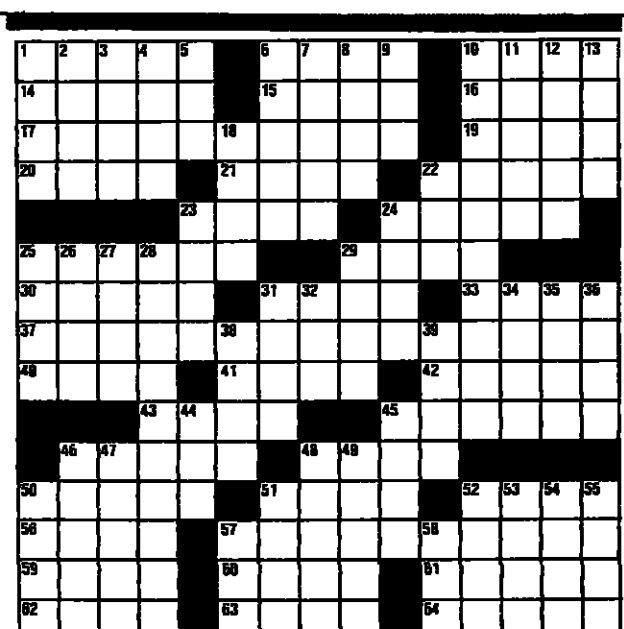
7. (5) Room In Your Heart — Living In A Box (Chrysalis).

8. (17) I Feel The Earth Move — Marika (CBS).

9. (9) Ride On Time — Black Box (De-Construction).

10. (16) Never Too Much — Luther Vandross (Epic).

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Nonbeliever
  - 6 Apollo's mother
  - 10 Punctures
  - 14 Suppress
  - 15 In the center
  - 16 Molding
  - 17 Thoreau subject
  - 19 Mrs. Shakespeare
  - 20 Collections
  - 21 Travel agents' org.
  - 22 Display contempt
  - 23 Fencer's weapon
  - 24 Explode
  - 25 Permits
  - 29 Big truck, for short
  - 30 — be with you!
  - 31 12/7/41, e.g.
  - 33 Clamp
  - 37 Mutual aid of support
  - 40 On the briny
  - 41 Ready for business
  - 42 Tartar formed in wine casks
  - 43 Salamander
  - 45 Bottom line figures
  - 46 Statesman
  - 48 Nearby
  - 50 Uncle Tom's abode
  - 51 Edible root
  - 52 Exhibit
  - 56 Gathering clouds
  - 57 Sight from the League of Nations
  - 59 "O! Man"
  - 60 Armstrong song
  - 60 Beasts of burden
  - 61 Ethical
- DOWN**
- 1 Parishioners' places
  - 2 Wings
  - 3 Superficial brilliance
  - 4 Puts 2 and 2 together
  - 5 Formerly called
  - 6 Gap
  - 7 Ham it up
  - 8 One of the Turners
  - 9 Peculiar
  - 10 Talk show hostess
  - 11 A de Mille
  - 12 Poet Stephen Vincent
  - 13 Wise one
  - 18 Takes ten
  - 22 Total
  - 23 Pitcher
  - 24 "I've — to London..."
  - 25 Samoan port
  - 26 Camera part
  - 27 Not early
  - 28 Floating palace
  - 29 Brit. gun
  - 31 Kind of store: Abbr.
  - 32 Mimic
  - 34 "Gloomy Dean"
  - 35 Person from Paisley
  - 36 Slippery ones
  - 38 Elevator button
  - 39 Speed
  - 44 Long time
  - 45 Stunned
  - 46 Navigators' islands, today
  - 47 More than pleasantly plump
  - 48 In the buff
  - 49 Goodnight girl of song
  - 50 Search for shells
  - 51 Cab
  - 52 Shoe or suit starter
  - 53 Present
  - 54 White House office
  - 55 — Street
  - 57 Building site
  - 58 Bad —, Germany

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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
LATE-NIGHT LUNACY

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 4 3 2  
♥ A K Q 7 5  
♦ A 5 3  
♣ 2

**WEST**  
♠ 8 6 5  
♥ J  
♦ J 7 2  
♣ K Q 10 8 5 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ A Q J 10 9 7  
♥ 10 9 8 4 2  
♦ 4  
♣ 10 9 8 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ Void  
♥ 6 3  
♦ K Q 10 9 8 6  
♣ A J 9 7 6

The bidding:

South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ 4 ♠  
5 ♣ Pass 6 ♦ Pass  
Pass Pass

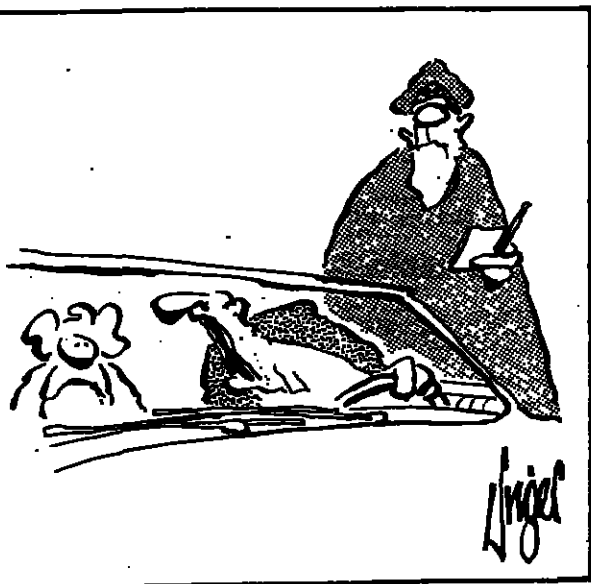
Opening lead: Jack of ♣

To play good bridge, you have to be alert. Strange things happen when your concentration wavers. This hand was played in the wee hours after some six hours of rubber bridge.

North's jump to six diamonds was something of a gamble, since declarer might be off two fast tricks in spades with the lead coming through the king. As the cards lay, however, all should have been well.

Declarer won the opening lead in dummy, cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club with dummy's three. East happily overruffed with the four and returned a heart. West ruffed with the jack to insure a one-trick set, while at the same time creating the impression that it was East who held the last two trumps. On the club return, a thoroughly rattled declarer took care to ruff with the ace of diamonds to prevent East overruffing with her supposed seven. That took care of the last entry to the table, so South tried to discard a club on the high heart. West ruffed again and exited with a trump, and declarer was still stranded with a club loser. Down three!

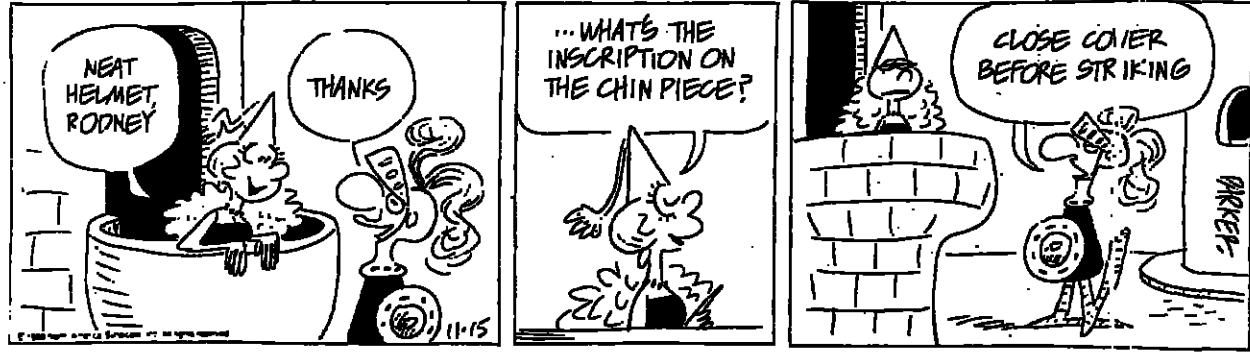
It was not the most difficult hand in the world to make. Declarer needed only one simple precaution. Before going about ruffing clubs, ace of diamonds should have been cashed. That would have taken care of East's only trump, and declarer would have been able to ruff two clubs in dummy, using a spade ruff as communication. Another spade ruff provides the transportation to draw the last trumps, and a third club loser vanishes on the third heart. Declarer still surrenders a club, but that's the only defensive trick.



"See what happens when you can't make up your mind? ... Illegal U-Turn."

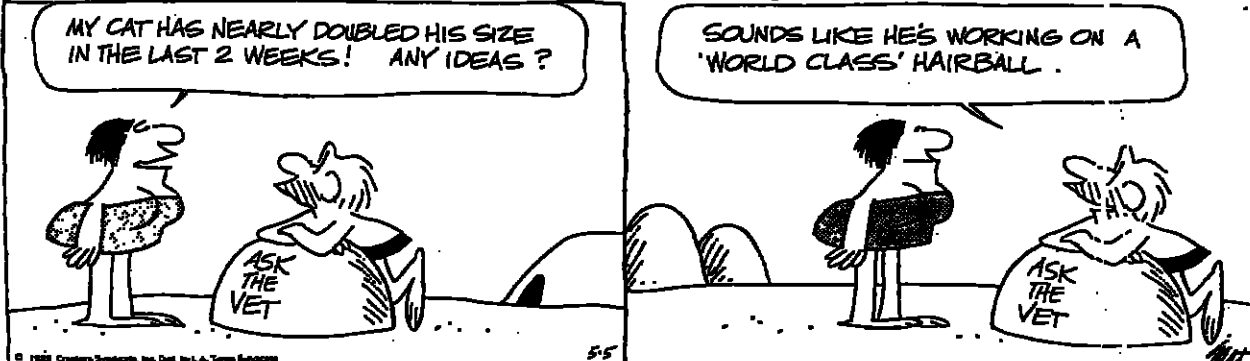
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Grant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
You should not allow yourself to be overtaken by unreasonable jealousy. The moon's better influence will help you towards more success. You will be stimulated by a challenge. Be responsive.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
Do not allow some incident to discourage you. Just press ahead and you will get to your objective. Pay a little more attention to your health. Be sincere.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
You will get to the bottom of why something has been going wrong. You should try to spend little more time with your friends. Make sure you do not overeat or drink too much. Be reasonable.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
You are liable to be more excitable and should ensure you do not lose your temper. A lot depends on you and how you evaluate matters. Try to see things from other people's point of view too. Be hopeful.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**  
You will have little time to do what has to be done, so do not spend too long browsing or window-shopping. You should not say exactly what you think, it could well give offence. Try not to get into bad habits. Be tolerant.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**  
This is going to be quite a good day for you. Provided only that you do not indulge a temptation to spend wildly. Do not allow some small infection to spread. Be generous.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**  
You will be able to spot a mistake before it is too late. It will be a less hard for you to exercise economy. You should not expect everything to be just as you would wish it to be. Be pertinent.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
You will be tempted to do something you know well you should not. A matter you have been putting off should be attended to without further delay. Have little more faith in yourself. Be kind.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
You should allow others to have their say and consider their views. Try to give yourself a little more room for manoeuvre. If you are in too much of a hurry you may well make a mistake that could have been avoided. Be polite.
- Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
The prospects are good and you should not allow yourself to be intimidated. Avoid becoming too reliant on pills, eat a little more sensibly too. Do not just hope for the best. Be sensible.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**  
You will be better able to face up to reality. You will also succeed in maintaining harmony with your partner. Your lucky numbers are 12 and 43. Try to look on the bright and funny side of things. Be reliable.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**  
You should take a little more exercise, but nothing too violent. A friend will be grateful to you for your art and sympathy. You should do all you can to rekindle a flagging enthusiasm. Be tactful.

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## SPORTS

## Shriver keeps hopes alive in Chicago

CHICAGO, Nov 10, (Reuters): Pam Shriver took another step toward snagging a disappointing season by beating Anne Smith 6-4 6-2 yesterday to reach the quarterfinals of the \$250,000 Chicago women's tennis championship.

Shriver, the seventh seed, is trying to avoid her first winless season in singles since 1982 and remains in the running for the final berth in next week's million-dollar, season-ending tour-

namment in New York.

The victory moved Shriver into this evening's quarter-finals against number two seed Zina Garrison, with whom Shriver teamed to win the gold medal in doubles for the United States at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

"It was a little bit like the olden days, when I'd get on a roll," said Shriver of her 79-minute win over Smith, who had beat her in three sets at Dallas in their last meeting.

Gretchen Magers, Shriver's competition for the final berth in the New York Championships, advanced when Kathy Rinaldi was forced to retire in the third set because of cramping.

Rinaldi, who won the first set 6-4, was slowed by a strained hamstring but battled courageously to force a second-set tiebreak, which saw her fight back from a 2-5 deficit before losing 7-5. Rinaldi then retired after

losing the first two games of the third set.

"It's a difficult situation to play someone who is injured because they go for winners," Magers said.

Magers, who faced fourth seed Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria this evening, can clinch a berth in next week's season finale with one more victory. Shriver's only chance of qualifying is to win the tournament, while Magers loses her next match.

## Zola Budd

LONDON, Nov 10, (AP): Zola Budd says she was paid about \$140,000 to move from South Africa to Britain so she could run in the 1984 Olympics but never saw more than a fraction of the money. In her autobiography, "Zola," released in Britain yesterday, Budd said her late father, Frank Budd, negotiated the payment with the Daily Mail, one of Britain's national newspapers.

## Brown triumphs

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Nov 10, (Reuters): Simon Brown retained his International Boxing Federation welterweight title yesterday with a unanimous 12-round points decision over fellow-American Luis Santana.

## French soccer

PARIS, Nov 10, (Reuters): French First Division soccer results on Wednesday:

Lyon	3	Mulhouse	1
Marseille	1	Auxerre	1
Nantes	0	P.S.G.	0
Nice	2	Cannes	0
Metz	1	Monaco	0
Montpellier	1	Brest	1
Racing Paris	0	Cen	0
Sociaux	2	St Etienne	3
Lille	3	Toulon	0

## Flach injured

LONDON, Nov 10, (Reuters): Ken Flach, half of one of the world's most successful men's doubles pairs, may miss the Masters doubles after injuring his foot early yesterday, tennis officials said.

## Jaite wins

SAO PAULO, Nov 10, (Reuters): Second-seeded Argentine Martin Jaite, just back from Buenos Aires where he attended the wedding of Diego Maradona, recovered from an early setback to reach the quarterfinals of the Sao Paulo Tennis Grand Prix yesterday.

## Virginia tennis

BRENTWOOD, Tennessee, Nov 10, (AP): Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria beat Andrea Keller of the United States 6-2, 6-1, while Canadian Helen Kelesi beat American Mary Lou Daniels 7-6 (7-2), 6-4 yesterday to advance to the quarterfinals of the Virginia Slims of Nashville.

## Soccer friendly

AMSTERDAM, Nov 10, (Reuters): The Netherlands will take on Brazil in a friendly next month to celebrate the centenary of the Dutch Football Association, association secretary Jan Huybrechts said on Wednesday.

## Warm-up match

BONN, Nov 10, (Reuters): West Germany, who face a key World Cup qualifier against Wales next Wednesday, announced yesterday they had arranged a match against France in February as a warm-up for the 1990 finals in Italy.

## Gunn fined

LONDON, Nov 10, (Reuters): Norwich goalkeeper Bryan Gunn, who is already facing an English Football Association (FA) charge, has received a maximum club fine for reported comments about brawl at a First Division match last Saturday.

## Boil back

PARIS, Nov 10, (Reuters): Auxerre Libero Basile Boli was recalled yesterday after a six-month absence for France's final World Cup soccer qualifier against Cyprus in Toulouse on November 18.

## Ancelotti out

ROME, Nov 10, (Reuters): Carlo Ancelotti of European soccer champions AC Milan had knee cartilage surgery on Wednesday and will be out of action for about six weeks, the doctor who performed the operation said.

## Vilnius win

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad and Tobago, Nov 10, (AP): The Soviet First Division team Zalgiris Vilnius beat Trinidad and Tobago's World Cup team 1-0 in an exhibition match Wednesday.

## PGA Tourney

SYDNEY, Nov 10, (Reuters): Australian Peter Senior used his penultimate putt to fine effect for the second day running to take a two-stroke lead after 36 holes of the Australian PGA Championship today.

## Japan Cup

TOKYO, Nov 10, (Reuters): American-trained Pleasant Variety and Milesius, both failures in the Breeder's Cup turf horse race in Florida on Saturday, have been withdrawn from the Japan Cup on November 26.

## TV rights

NEW YORK, Nov 10, (Reuters): The US television network NBC won the domestic broadcast rights to National Basketball Association games yesterday by bidding a stiff \$600 million for a four-year contract.

## Boxer sentenced

SANTA MONICA, California, Nov 10, (AP): Former World Boxing Council super bantamweight champion Lupe Aquino was sentenced Wednesday to six years in prison because of a 1988 crash that killed two passengers in his car.

## Olazabal leads

GOTEMBA, Japan, Nov 10, (Reuters): Jose Maria Olazabal shot a six-under-par 66 to take the first-round lead in the 120 million yen (\$840,000) Masters golf tournament today. Hoider Seve Ballesteros was six strokes behind his pacesetter compatriot after managing only a level par 72.

Becker crashes out  
Gunnarsson stuns world No.2

STOCKHOLM, Nov 10, (Reuters): Defending champion and world number two Boris Becker suffered a stunning 6-3 7-5 third-round defeat by Swede Jan Gunnarsson in the \$1 million Stockholm Open Grand Prix yesterday.

Gunnarsson raised both arms and screamed with delight to a capacity crowd of 14,000 in Stockholm's dome-shaped Globe Arena after sealing his greatest victory with a searing ace.



Gunnarsson (left) raises his arms in victory while Becker looks at his hand in frustration. (Reuters wirephotos)

"This is my best day as a tennis player. I still can't believe I've really beaten Becker," said Gunnarsson, the tournament's 15th seed.

Becker, the Wimbledon and US champion who had been off the courts for two months with a knee injury, returned to the Grand Prix circuit in triumph last week when he defeated Stefan Edberg in the final of the Paris Open.

He was the joint favourite with world number one Ivan Lendl

here.

"I knew I would lose a match sooner or later. I was a bit tired and a bit stiff. I played against a very inspired Swede in Sweden. That's it, really," Becker explained.

Gunnarsson, who is ranked 36th in the world and reached the semifinals of the Australian Open this year, broke Becker's serve to lead 2-0 and easily held his own through the first set.

The West German, who has complained about uneven lighting in the huge dome, had a break point in the second set at 4-3 which Gunnarsson saved with a forehand volley on the line, one of his many superb shots.

Then, at 5-4 and set point for Becker, Gunnarsson produced an ace on his second service and Becker shook his head in wonder.

Gunnarsson, increasingly pumped up and raising a clenched fist after each point, proceeded to set up the victory by breaking Becker's serve to love in the 11th game.

On the first two points, Gunnarsson hit the lines with winning forehands. Then Becker hit a backhand off a net cord and out of court, and on break point he again hit long at the end of a baseline rally.

At 6-5 a winning serve, an overhead volley and an ace gave Gunnarsson three match points.

He squandered the first, and Becker saved the second with a little help from the netcord. On the third, Gunnarsson produced yet another ace to end it.

"I've never played and served as well as I did in the second set. At the third match point I knew I had to produce an ace, and I did," the Swede said.

Becker was philosophical about the defeat which tennis officials said ended his chances of supplanting Lendl as number one in the world rankings this year.

"It's a pity, but a lot of good things have happened to me this year. It doesn't disturb me very much."

"In this profession losing is part of the game. In a way it's good, because it makes me more human," said Becker, whose record this year is 58 victories against seven defeats.

In earlier third-round matches, top seed Lendl and seventh-seeded American Tim Mayotte set up a quarterfinal clash with easy victories.

Lendl defeated Swede Anders Jarryd 6-0 6-2, while Mayotte trounced West German Jens Wollmann 6-1 6-1.

Former Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg beat Austrian Horst Skoff 7-5 6-0 and will meet American Jim Courier in the quarterfinals.

## Navratilova seeks victory

NEW YORK, Nov 10, (Reuters): Martina Navratilova, the supreme force in women's tennis in the 1980s, is determined to end the decade on a triumphant note when the million-dollar Circuit Championships round off the season next week.

Navratilova, at 33 enjoying the status of an old favourite in a 16-strong field dotted with fresh faces, won six circuit championships between 1979 and 1986 but was beaten in the quarterfinals in 1987 and 1988.

Relegated to second place behind world number one Steffi Graf in the past three years, Navratilova is acutely aware of the youngsters coming through to threaten the top players.

"It definitely feels like the end of a decade and the beginning of a new one," she said. "Now when younger players like (Monica) Seles come up, they have stronger games than those players who were there one day and gone the next."

But the Czechoslovak-born American, winner of 17 Grand Slam titles in her career, is confident she can end the '80s on a high note after winning in Dallas and Worcester, Massachusetts, without dropping a set.

"My serve feels as good as it has in a long time. If I can rely on it, the rest of my game will be much better. Physically, I have never been in better shape."

Graf, 20, enters the circuit finals with a remarkable 79-2 match record having won 13 of her last 15 tournaments. But she, too, wants to end the year with a win.

The West German's semifinal defeat in New York last year was one of the few blemishes on her golden Grand Slam season, when she won the Australian, French, Wimbledon and US titles and the Olympic gold medal.

"I'm looking forward to it very much because last year I was sick and didn't play very well. I didn't want to end the year like that," said Graf, who won three Grand Slam events this year.

The third dominant player of the 1980s, Chris Evert, will be missing. The American, 35 next month, announced her retirement from tournament competition at the US Open. The newcomers to the finals, for which players qualify on points earned during the year, include teenagers Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez of Spain and

Seles of Yugoslavia, who are all ranked in the top 10.

Warrior has already claimed a Grand Slam title, beating Graf to win the 1989 French Open.

The other debutantes are Czechoslovak Jana Novotna, who will be Graf's first opponent, and American Mary Joe Fernandez, who faces Navratilova in the first round.

Gretchen Magers, who is battling fellow American Pam Shriver for the final berth, could take the tally of newcomers to six.

Argentine Gabriela Sabatini, the defending champion, has not had a great year but is happy to be back in New York.

"The New York crowds are very supportive of me and that makes me feel very comfortable. I've always played my best tennis in Madison Square Garden. Last year, it was the best tennis of my career," the world number three said.

Seles, at 15 the event's youngest player, beat Evert to win in Houston and was runner-up to Navratilova in Dallas.

"It's a great feeling to be one of the top 16 players in the last championship of the year. I never thought I would be here," she said.

## Maradona voted best



Diego Maradona

LONDON, Nov 10, (Reuters): Three years after widely vilifying Diego Maradona, British sports journalists have voted the soccer ace World Sportsman of the Decade.

Poll organizer said Maradona collected 31 votes, with Olympic sprint champion Carl Lewis second on 23 and hurdler Ed Moses third with 19.

British journalists slated Maradona in the summer of 1986 for his controversial "hand of God" goal against England.

He scored twice as Argentina eliminated England in the Mexico World Cup with a 2-1 quarter-final victory, his first goal going in off his hand.

Even now the British press has not altogether forgiven Maradona. The Daily Mirror in its report yesterday on the Argentine's lavish wedding in Buenos Aires quipped in a headline: "...And at least he kept his hands to himself (well almost)."

Tennis star Martina Navratilova was the runaway winner in the women's section.



## Bowling masters

Mansour Al Shatti (left) and Cora Paras (right), the men's and women's champions respectively, after receiving their prizes at the recently concluded 3rd Masters Bowling Championship. The prizes were presented to them by the Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait Dr Mauryag Tamano.

## Chang defeats Annacone

LONDON, Nov 10, (Reuters): French Open champion Michael Chang dined on defeat before winning a seesaw match with Paul Annacone yesterday to reach the quarterfinals of the London Indoor Tennis Grand Prix.

Chang, on course for another clash with fellow-American John McEnroe in Sunday's final of the \$517,000 event, pulled his game together after a ragged second set to win 6-2 1-6 6-0.

McEnroe, despite picking up a warning for an outburst of temper, overcame some poor serving earlier in the day to reach the last eight with a comfortable 6-4 6-1 win over West German David Camman.

Chang, who has not won a tournament since his surprise triumph at Roland Garros in June, looked to have everything well under control after rattling through the first set against Annacone in 37 minutes.

But then he started rushing the ball and sacrificed accuracy in the interests of speed as he tried in vain to pass his compatriot.

The 17-year-old Chang was swiftly 4-0 down and though he held two break points in the fifth game, Annacone, who beat him last year at Stratton Mountain, produced an ace both times to get himself out of trouble.

"He started to read me a little bit better and it just made it harder for me to pass him," said Chang who regained control in the third set and was helped by two double faults from Annacone in the final game.

Chang, the second seed, now meets Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union, the man he beat in four sets in the semifinals at Roland Garros.

"I had a really tough match with him in the French Open and I am expecting another one now," Chang said. Top seed McEnroe's infamous temper, which had been bubbling to the surface throughout his second round tie with Jelen, erupted in the fifth game of the second set when he hurled his racket to the carpet in frustration, at allowing the West German to fight off three breakpoints.

British umpire John Parry gave McEnroe, five times champion here, a warning which prodded the world number four back into top form. He won the game on his fifth breakpoint, served out to love with his only ace of



Chang leans back while returning a shot to Annacone. (Reuters wirephoto).

the afternoon and then broke Jelen to sew up the match in 66 minutes.

McEnroe was unhappy that the match had been scheduled little more than 13 hours after he completed his first round victory over American Scott Davis.

"I didn't see any reason why it needed to be done," said McEnroe, who was due to be back in action in the quarterfinals against Olympic champion Miloslav Mezir of Czechoslovakia this evening.

Third-seeded Brad Gilbert ignored a lingering cold to push aside American compatriot Leif Shiras 7-5 6-3, aided by double faults on the final two points, and set up a quarter-final with Australia's Wally Masur.

## Italians to play safe

VICENZA, Italy, Nov 10, (Reuters): Italy will opt for safety against World Cup hopefuls

Algeria in an international soccer friendly tomorrow and rest key players ahead of a tough clash away to England.

The two matches, in Vicenza against Algeria and in London against England next Wednesday, will give Azzeglio Vicini's squad their last taste of matches in close succession before Italy host the World Cup finals next June.

Tomorrow's game pits Italy against Algeria for the first time.

But the North African side are depleted by the absence of four French-based stalwarts and Vicini has made clear some of his own regular will start the game on the bench with an eye to the England encounter.

Chief among them are defender Paolo Maldini and winger Roberto Donadoni, both of European champions AC Milan and both finding their feet again after injury. Vicini will also rest international Nicola Bertini, bringing Giancarlo Marocchi of

## Cup organisers play down row

LONDON, Nov 10, (Reuters): Organisers of the controversial \$6 million Grand Slam Cup on Wednesday attempted to play down an embarrassing and unexpected row with the West German Tennis Federation, due to host the competition next year.

A statement from the federation, saying they would refuse to sanction the Cup as the prize money on offer threatened the stability and image of tennis, was released behind the organisers' backs on Wednesday by the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP).

The ATP has accused the cup promoters of trying to sabotage its own finals in November and its decision to release the statement was seen to leave organisers of the new tournament in an awkward position.

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## Fisa manipulated 1989 Formula One: Senna

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## Lewis to skip indoor athletics season



Lewis ready to face Johnson

RALEIGH, N.C., Nov 10, (Reuters): Olympic champion Carl Lewis has no plans to compete during the 1990 indoor athletics season, preferring instead to work on his autobiography, his manager said on Wednesday.

Lewis, the 100 meters and long jump champion in Seoul, will also probably skip the US Outdoor Championships again next year because of differences with the sport's US governing body, business manager Joe Douglas told Reuters in a telephone interview from Santa Monica, California.

Lewis, however, does plan to compete in Europe next July and August and is willing to meet disgraced sprinter Ben Johnson of Canada in a special 100 meters race next year if certain conditions are met, Douglas said.

"But so far the offers have been amateurish," Douglas said. Johnson was stripped of his 1988 Olympic 100 meters gold medal after testing positive for steroids and is scheduled to lose his 1987 world record of 9.83 seconds on January 1 because of admitted drug use.

The Jamaican-born Johnson becomes eligible to compete again on September 25 after serving a two-year ban imposed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF).

"But before we would race him," Douglas said, "he would have to agree to drug testing a long time before the race date and he would have to agree to be tested for any kind of substance that might be helpful."

"Also, the money has to be there. We got some great offers before the Dublin inquiry (the Canadian inquiry into drug use), but the offers since then have been amateurish."

Douglas said Lewis who will become the 100 meters record holder when Johnson's mark is withdrawn, is busy working on his autobiography.

"He's working on the book now...and won't be finished until December," Douglas said. "His coach, Tom Tellez, and I also think that after 10 years of competing indoors and out, it's time for him to take a break."

Lewis will return to competition in the major European outdoor meeting, Douglas said.

"But he won't compete in as many meets as this year," Douglas said. "This year was a 'cash-register' year, as every post-Olympic year is."

"Next year he probably won't compete in individual events until July although he could run some relays earlier."

The US National Championships, which Lewis skipped last year because of differences with the Athletics Congress (TAC), are held in June.

"He wants to compete in the New York Games (in July) and if things work out, he will go to the Goodwill Games (in Seattle in July), but there are problems there," Douglas said.

The official US team for the Goodwill Games, a dual competition against the Soviet Union, will be selected at the US National Championships. But Lewis probably could be invited as an elite even if he misses the Nationals.

"They have that option," TAC spokesman Hal Bateman said on Wednesday night.



## Indians return fees before going to Pakistan

NEW DELHI, Nov 10, (Reuters): All but three of the Indian squad which left yesterday for a six-week tour of Pakistan handed their fees back to the cricket board in protest at a rejection of their pay claims.

In a letter to the board, 13 members of

the touring squad said they refused to accept their tour fees of 50,000 rupees (\$3,000) each.

Three junior members—Sachin Tendulkar, Satish Anand and Vivek Razdan, who have yet to make a Test debut—did not join the protest and pocketed their

cheques. Indian Cricket Players Association (ICPA) spokesman Mohinder Amarnath said a company in Bombay had given the ICPA 1.8 million rupees (\$110,000) and a New Delhi businessman had contributed 100,000 rupees

(\$6,000) to the cricketers who refused to accept their fees.

The cricket board on Monday turned down a demand for higher fees and a graduated scale of wages by the players, who then said they would tour with the national side without pay.

## Lakers sail to victory

OAKLAND, California, Nov 10, (AP): A.C. Green scored 24 points and grabbed 16 rebounds and Michael Cooper and Magic Johnson led a fourth-quarter Los Angeles runaway, as the Lakers beat the Warriors 106-95.

The Lakers took advantage of the absence of Warriors' centre Alton Lister, out for the season with a ruptured Achilles tendon, to dominate the boards, 69-34, against their smaller opponents.

Johnson had 19 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists and Cooper scored eight of his 11 points in the fourth quarter. Chris Mullin led the Warriors with 31 points and Mitch Richmond added 19.

Knicks 107, Nets 105

Charles Oakley had 17 of his 22 points and 11 of his 18 rebounds in the second half and Patrick Ewing's dunk with 1:22 left gave the New York Knicks their first lead of the game in a 107-105 victory over the New Jersey Nets last night.

The Knicks, who trailed 62-42 in the final minute of the first half, came back from a 10-point deficit in the last nine minutes.

They finally pulled ahead 106-105 on Ewing's dunk off an inbound pass, giving him 20 points in the game. New Jersey got 21 points from Chris Morris and 20 from Dennis Hopson.

Nuggets 128, Rockets 127

Alex English hit an eight-foot jumper with four seconds left in overtime to give Denver the victory. Fat Lever had only one point, seven assists and four rebounds at halftime but finished with 19 points, 10 assists and 14 rebounds for the second consecutive triple-double.

Reserve forward Bill Hanzlik scored eight of his 16 points in the fourth quarter as the Nuggets outscored the rockets 30-24 to force the overtime. Otis Thorpe and Akeem Olatunwo each scored 33 points for the Rockets, who led by 18 in the first half.

Meanwhile, five National Basketball Association (NBA) players were fined a total \$6,500 on Wednesday for incidents occurring in games played on Tuesday.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers was fined \$3,000 for hitting Kevin Johnson of the Phoenix Suns in the face with an open hand during the Lakers' victory at Los Angeles.

Both players were ejected from the game and Kevin Johnson was fined \$1,000 for fighting. Lakers guard Byron Scott was fined \$500 for pushing the Phoenix guard in the chest.

## New Zealand fight back

### Crowe and Bracewell shine



Crowe scored 87

PERTH, Australia, Nov 10, (AP): New Zealand recovered from a disastrous start to be 271 for seven at stumps today, opening day of its four-day cricket match against state team Western Australia at the WACA ground.

The tourists, who face Australia in a Test match at the same ground from Nov 24-28, slumped to 49 for four in the first session after an early order batting collapse.

Martin Crowe then helped rescue the innings with a gritty and stylish 87, while tail-ender John Bracewell contributed an invaluable 86.

Paceman Chris Matthews took two wickets and spinner Bruce Yardley three as the Kiwis struggled to a fast, green wicket.

Ian Smith was not out 23 at stumps with Brendons Bracewell yet to score.

The match continues through Monday.

New Zealand 271-7 (Martin Crowe 87, Brendons Bracewell 86, Bruce Yardley 3-76, Chris Matthews 2-52) v Western Australia.

Meanwhile, champion New Zealand fast bowler Richard Hadlee yesterday said he had had an operation on his damaged achilles tendon but that he hoped to be fit to face India early next year.

In a statement Hadlee said it

was too soon to speculate whether he would return to the Test arena but he was convinced having the operation was the right thing.

Hadlee, 38, broke down last week in a trial match shortly before the New Zealand team left for a short tour of Australia. He had hoped to collect the four Test wickets he needs to become the first bowler to take 400 wickets.

Hadlee broke down against Pakistan last summer, and against England the previous year as well as having to return home injured from a tour of India in 1988.

"I had a lot of advice from a lot of well-meaning people about the leg, but for me it was important that a conservative approach was taken."

He said the surgeon told him after the operation that had it not been performed he may have broken down and never bowled again.

"Hopefully we've avoided that and now it's just a matter of wait and see," said Hadlee whose leg will be in plaster for three weeks.

On Wednesday Hadlee said in his newspaper column that criticism from Crowe was out of line. Crowe said Hadlee's late withdrawal had been unfair on the team and replacement bowler Brendon Bracewell.



Gatting: leading the rebels

## Rebel English tour of S.Africa to go ahead

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 10, (Reuters): South African cricket chiefs spurned the appeals of anti-apartheid campaigners and said yesterday the rebel English tour would go ahead as planned.

More than three hours of talks on Wednesday night between the white-dominated South African Cricket Union (SACU) and the National Sports Congress (NSC), leading the campaign against the tour, failed to persuade officials to change their plans.

A SACU statement from managing director and former South African cricket captain Ali Bacher said cricket in South Africa must be developed so that it was ready to take its place in a post-apartheid society.

"For this reason it was decided that the arrangements for the forthcoming English tour will continue as planned," the statement added.

The decision, while anticipated, was condemned by the NSC, which like other anti-apartheid groups wants South Africa's isolation to be maintained at every level until segregationist laws are abolished.

"We will hold the SACU directly responsible for all repercussions that will arise through the anger of our people," Congress general secretary Krish Naidoo said.

"By its decision the SACU has aligned itself with the racist regime and had indicated beyond any doubt that it sides with the forces of repression," he added.

Some form of protest can be expected when the six-week tour opens in January.

Former England captain Mike Gatting will lead 15 other cricketers on the tour, the start of which coincides with the Commonwealth Games in Auckland.

But fears that it might touch off a black African boycott of the Games, as in Edinburgh in 1986, have receded.

SACU has poured millions of rand (dollars) into developing cricket in black townships and feels the enthusiasm generated by a foreign tour will boost multiracial cricket.

Critics say SACU's effort is tokenism and does little to change South African cricket's image as a white sport.

Doubts that the tour might go ahead arose after new President F.W. de Klerk introduced reforms, such as the release of political prisoners and easing curbs on protest, which radically changed the atmosphere in South Africa.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**Pakistan wins:** Pakistan won a charity cricket match against India by four runs when they dismissed pace bowler Manoj Prabhakar as he tried to hit the ball for a winning six today.

The game, at a packed Khaddaf stadium, marked the start of India's six-week tour and was sponsored by Pakistan captain Imran Khan to raise funds for a proposed cancer research hospital.

The Indians needed 12 runs off the last over, bowled by leg-spinner Abdul Qadir, to pass Pakistan's 187 for seven in their 40 overs, but were restricted to seven.

India, led by Krishnamachari Srikkanth, formally opened the tour on Saturday with a three-day game against the Pakistan Cricket Board Patron's XI at Rawalpindi.

Scores: Pakistan 187 for seven (40 overs), India 183 for seven (40).

**Top rookie:** Chicago Cubs outfielder Jerome Walton, who played a key role in the Cubs' East Division championship campaign, was the overwhelming choice as National League Rookie of the Year in results announced on Wednesday. Walton was named first on all but two of the 23 ballots cast by a panel of the Baseball Writers Association of America composed of two reporters from each city in the League.

**Desert Orchid:** Top steeplechaser Desert Orchid returned from his summer break to a 12-length win over sole opponent Roll-A-Join in a jump race at this week of England track on Thursday. The Cheltenham Gold Cup winner was having his first race since unseating his rider in a race at Liverpool in April.

**Repentant mother:** A mother who climbed into a ring and attacked her boxer son's opponent with her shoe said on Thursday she would never watch him fight again. Mina Wilson, 62, apologised for her intervention during the British light-heavyweight title eliminator between her son Tony Wilson and Steve McCarthy in September and said she would not be at the rematch next Wednesday.

**French smarting:** France, still smarting from the shock 32-15 thrashing administered by Australia in last week's first Rugby Union Test, sent out a new guard to restore domestic pride in the second and final Test today. Coach Jacques Fouroux, stunned by the ending his XV received from a team so young and inexperienced they had been dubbed the "Baby Wallabies," has taken crisis steps to stop the rot.

**Psychiatric help:** Pete Rose said Wednesday he is getting psychiatric help for a gambling problem that became apparent to him only after he was banned from baseball for illegal wagering. "I bottomed out by losing my occupation," the game's most prolific hitter said.

**Equestrian venue:** International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch said on Wednesday that a decision on whether to choose alternate venues for equestrian events for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics would be made next year. Since an outbreak of African horse plague last summer in Andalusia, 1,000 km (600 miles) south of the Catalan capital, the staging of the events in Spain has been in jeopardy.

**Rule changes:** Changes in the rules which restrict top rugby union players' cash-earning potential were predicted by one of the sport's leading officials on Wednesday. Sir Ewart Ball, chairman of the International Rugby Board (IRB) amateurism committee which has investigated amateur regulations, said: "There is a package being presented to the board and my belief is that there will be changes and improvements."

**Smidts acquitted:** Rudy Smidts, who plays for Belgian First Division soccer club Antwerp, has been acquitted by a district court of assaulting a fan, a club official said Thursday. The 26-year-old player was charged with attacking the fan, who had thrown a beer glass at Smidts' girlfriend. The brawl happened in 1988 at a dining club called the "Love Boat".

## Spain name squad for Cup qualifier

MADRID, Nov 10, (Reuters): Spain named three newcomers in the squad for their last World Cup soccer qualifier against Hungary in Seville on Wednesday, a match the Hungarians must win to stand any chance of reaching the finals.

The new faces in a 16-man squad coach Luis Suarez announced today for the group six game are defenders Luis Milla of Barcelona and Juanito Rodriguez of Real Zaragoza and Valencia midfielder Fernando Gomez.

Atletico Madrid's Tomas Renones and Barcelona's Eusebio Sacristan earned a recall after lengthy absences.

The Spanish can treat the match as a warmup, having already qualified for the finals in Italy next year after a 2-2 draw with Hungary in Budapest in October.

Hungary can go through if they become the first side ever to beat Spain in Seville and the Republic of Ireland lose heavily in Malta on the same day — unlikely since Malta have lost all seven qualifying matches so far. Ireland are second behind Spain in Group Six with two more points than Hungary and a far better goal difference.

Of their 24 internationals played in Seville since 1923, Spain have won 21, and no side has scored more than one goal against them there.

## Everton aim to bounce back

LONDON, Nov 10, (Reuters): First Division pacemakers Chelsea can expect a tough ride when they visit Everton in tomorrow's top clash in the English soccer League.

Everton will be looking to wipe out the memory of their worst defeat in seven seasons last Sunday.

"They went to Aston Villa knowing a win would take them back to the top of the League. Instead they were humiliated at Villa beat them 6-2 in front of a nation-wide television audience."

"Obviously they'll be aiming to put things right against us after a bad result like that," said Chelsea's Welsh international midfielder Peter Nicholas. "As far as we're concerned it's history. We've just got to expect a very difficult game."

Chelsea will be facing their former winger, Pat Nevin, for the first time since he moved to Goodison Park for nearly £1 million (\$1.58 million) last year.

The promoted London side have

also experienced a humiliating result this season, when they were knocked out of the League Cup by Fourth Division Scarborough.

But Nicholas thinks that disappointment helped spur the side on and the Villa defeat could do the same for Everton.

"I think every player would say that losing at Scarborough gave us extra incentive to put things right," Nicholas said. "Obviously we were very disappointed and I'm sure Everton are feeling just the same."

Everton's Merseyside neighbours Liverpool are also going through a rare bad patch. They have lost two of their last three League games after falling 1-0 at Anfield against Coventry last Saturday.

Tomorrow, they travel to struggling Queens Park Rangers, who have gone seven games without a win, and face their former midfielder Nigel Spackman.

Arsenal manager George Graham will also be returning to an old stamping ground when he takes

the champions to Millwall.

Millwall, who have taken only one point from their last five League games, have captain Les Brierly back in training, but he will still miss the match with Arsenal.

Aston Villa, who came down to earth with a bump when they were eliminated from the League Cup after a 1-0 defeat at West Ham on Wednesday night, travel to Norwich.

Struggling Wimbledon, the 1988 Football Association Cup winners, visit much improved Tottenham amid rumours they might sack manager Bobby Gould.

Gould, formerly at Coventry, reacted by saying: "I hope to be at Wimbledon for a long time to come. I've been sacked once and I haven't got an ego any more. I've just got to get on with the job."

Gould is expecting the return soon of striker John Fashanu, who has been out of action for the last two weeks.

"We've only lost two games in the last 11 but we need that extra killer instinct," he said.

Manchester United, languishing in the lower reaches of the table, receive Nottingham Forest in Sunday's televised match.

Both lost last Saturday and will be hoping the presence of television cameras will fire their players like Aston Villa's last Sunday.

Villa striker David Platt, who scored twice, earned an England call up the following day.

## Hammond ahead

KAPALUA, Hawaii, Nov 10, (Reuters): Donnie Hammond continued his torrid scoring yesterday as he fired a five-over 67 to maintain a three-stroke lead at a \$650,000 international PGA tournament.



Leonard: wants to beat Duran 'impressively'

## Leonard starts training for fight against Duran

LAS VEGAS, Nov 10, (Reuters): Sugar Ray Leonard put in 50 minutes of work on Wednesday in his first day of training in Las Vegas ahead of next month's \$21 million world title fight against Roberto Duran.

Leonard defends his World Boxing Council (WBC) super middleweight title against the Panamanian champion in a 12-round bout on Dec 7. "I want to beat Duran impressively," Leonard said. "He's a capable opponent."

It will be the first match between the boxing greats since their two scintillating title clashes in 1980.

In the first, Duran won a decision in Montreal to take the world welterweight title. Leon-

ard avenged his only career defeat five months later in New Orleans when Duran quit in the ring in the famous "no mas, no mas" bout.

Though the fight is a month away, the oft-retired Leonard had to address questions of when he would quit permanently.

"When I retire I'm going to fade into the sunset just like an old gunfighter," said Leonard 33, winner of world championships in five weight divisions.

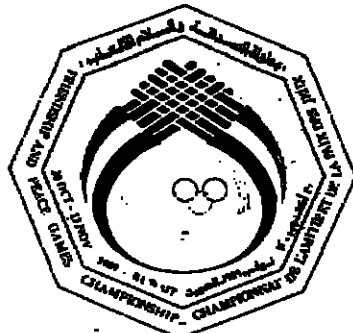
Duran, 38, has won world championship in four weight divisions and captured the WBC middleweight title from American Iran Barkley last winter. Duran's middleweight crown will not be risked against Leonard.



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**Sports delegations:** Delegations of the Islamic countries taking part in the Peace and Friendship Games yesterday offered the Juma prayers at the state Grand Mosque.

**Football match:** A football match between former Kuwaiti and Iranian players was held yesterday at Qadisia stadium. A large crowd turned out to watch the match. The coach of the Iranian team and former soccer star, Ali Barween was the best player in the match and exhibited excellent skills. With three Iranian players of the present national team participating in the match, Iran easily beat the unit former Kuwaiti players. Memorial shields and gifts were exchanged at the end of the match.

**Reception held:** The Kuwait Handball Federation last night held a reception in honour of the heads of the delegations taking part in the Games. The function, which was held at Kuwait Towers, was attended by senior sports officials, including the deputy chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee, Sheikh Jaber Sabah Sand Al Sabah, president of the African Handball Federation, Babaker Val and others. Gifts and shields were given to the guests.

**Decision hailed:** Representatives of the International Handball Federation, Peter Bokko hailed the formation of an international committee for the Peace and Friendship Games, which is headed by Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad. Bokko said that the formation of the committee will ensure the continuity of the Games. He said that as Sheikh Fahd is the chairman of the committee, it will certainly succeed in ensuring the holding of the Games again in the future. He added that by organising the first Peace and Friendship Games, Kuwait has launched the "train" and other Islamic countries should ride in it. He praised the standard of the Kuwaiti handball team saying that the performance it presented makes it close if not the same as European teams.

**Musical party:** The Kuwait Handball Federation will hold a party this evening at Kuwait International Hotel in honour of the handball teams. A number of Kuwaiti singers will participate in the function. Also, a big entertainment event will be held at the Meridian Hotel tomorrow in honour of members of the organising committee, guests and delegations.

**Issues discussed:** Newsmen covering the events of the Games held Thursday an expanded meeting and discussed issues relating to the Peace and Friendship Games. At the end of their meeting, the journalists, representing 44 Islamic countries, hailed the great success of the Peace and Friendship Games.

**Today's programme**  
Volleyball: 3rd and 4th positions: Turkey vs. Senegal at 3.00 pm, Final: Kuwait vs. Algeria at 4.30 pm at Al Arabi Club.  
Basketball: 3rd and 4th positions: Jordan vs. Syria at 5.00 pm, Final: Kuwait vs. UAE at 7.00 pm at Al Kuwait Club.

## Kuwait and Algeria in handball final

KUWAIT and Algeria reached the final of the handball competition at the Peace and Friendship Games with victories over Senegal and Turkey respectively at the Al Arabi Club on Thursday.

Kuwait beat Senegal 37-19 after leading 16-7 at half-time while Algeria scored a close 22-20 win over Turkey.

Kuwait got a good start and immediately forged ahead. Adel Nayer, basically a defender, excelled in the attack to score from powerful shots from over the Senegalese defenders. Kuwait soon forged ahead and the score reached 13-4.

Senegal replied with three quick goals but Kuwait rallied back to finish the first half 16-7. In the second half, Kuwait continued their domination and at one time, the score was 24-8. In the last 10 minutes, Senegal pressed hard and played man to man to score 7 quick goals.

Turkey started their match very well and went ahead. Algeria organised their lines and soon were level. They even went ahead and finished the first half at 11-9. In the second half, Turkey rallied back and were level at 13-13. But Algeria, led by Ben Hamoudah who scored 6 goals, exploited a gap in the Turkish defense to increase the margin to 19-14. The most suc-



Sheikh Fahd presents the volleyball trophy to the Kuwait captain.



The Kuwait team with Sheikh Fahd after taking the title.

# Kuwait take volleyball title

## Pakistan wilt under pressure

KUWAIT took the volleyball title at the Peace and Friendship Games after beating a strong Pakistani side, which seemed to have lost its concentration midway through the second set, at the Qadisia Club Hall on Thursday.

Kuwait, spurred by a brilliant display from Fawzi Matuk, lost the first set 15-13 but came back strongly to take the next three 15-10 15-7 15-3 to clinch the crown.

The home team started strongly by taking a 8-1 lead in the first set. But Pakistan fought back and seemed to have regained their form which had brought them into the final by not only taking the lead but also going ahead 10-8 before Kuwait could collect another point.

The Pakistanis had to put up with a spirited display from the

Kuwaiti side, which blocked most of their smashes. The game swung from one team's favour to another before Pakistan took control to clinch the first set. Rab Nawaz, Qaiser and Farooq stood out for the visitors in this set.

The Kuwaiti side again tried to take the initiative in the second set but the Pakistan squad seemed to have things their way for the initial part of the game until they had a 8-6 lead. At this point, the visitors seemed to have lost their concentration after Farooq was shown a yellow card by the umpire. This seemed to have disturbed their rhythm while the Kuwaiti side improved upon their performance.

Kuwait, who had been moving into a higher gear every match, again fought back and

to wrest the initiative away from the Pakistanis.

Fawzi Matuk, who had been fighting a lone battle until now, got some excellent support from Iyyad Sayer and Yacoub to tilt the match Kuwait's way while the Pakistanis became prone to faults.

The Pakistanis got their chances but found the close decisions not to their liking and let this upset their game. The umpire had to show the yellow card again to one of the Pakistani players to stop them from arguing with him.

Kuwait continued their onslaught and took the second set to level the match.

The third set saw the Kuwait side move off the mark quickly and take a 4-0 lead before the Pakistanis could get their bearings. The visitors, fighting the

match without any crowd support — for only about a score of their countrymen seemed to have come to watch the match — tried to get back into the match but in vain.

Kuwait, supported by a strong and very vocal crowd, by now had things under their control. Their blocking was at this point of a high standard and their smashes found no answer from their rivals. Kuwait hardly worked up a sweat in this set which they won by giving away only seven points.

The Pakistanis, who lost their concentration in the second set, now seemed to have lost their will to fight back as the crowd loudly cheered its champions.

The Kuwaitis continued to pile on the agony by chalking up the points, backed by the crowd which now sensed that the

visitors could in no way stop their team from taking the title.

Kuwait only surrendered three points as they took the fourth set and the crown. The crowd erupted into a loud roar as the Kuwait side won the last point to win the match against a team, who were not only the favourites but also finished fourth in the Asian Volleyball Championships recently.

In the other match, between Egypt and Saudi Arabia, to decide the third and fourth positions, the former took the match in three straight sets.

The Egyptians brushed aside their opponents and were hardily pushed as they won 15-3 15-6 15-7.

Tunisia finished fifth in the tournament while North Yemen took sixth place, Benin seventh and Comoros last.

## GCC Olympic committees meet

THE Chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee and deputy chairman of the organising committee for the Peace and Friendship games, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad will chair at 9, this morning a meeting for the chairmen of the GCC Olympic committees. The meeting will be attended by the secretary-general of the GCC, Abdullah Bishara and chairmen of the GCC Olympic Committees.

Distinguished dignitaries from the six GCC member states will also attend the meeting. Social Affairs and Labour Minister, Mohammed Al Fayed, will represent Saudi Arabia, chairman of the Bahrain Olympic Committee Sheikh Issa Bin Rashed Al Khalifa will represent Bahrain, chairman of the UAE Olympic Committee Sheikh Betti Al Maktoum will represent UAE, secretary general of the Qatari Olympic Committee Sheikh Mohammad Bin Khalid Al Thani will represent Qatar and chairman of the Omani Olympic Committee, Jad Bin Hamad Al Ghaferi will represent Oman.

Meanwhile Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad received yesterday the delegations of the Arab Gulf states who attended the 10th general assembly meeting of the Arab Gulf Soccer Cup. The Cup competitions will be held in Kuwait from Feb 20 to March 9, 1990. Football teams of the GCC states and Iraq will compete in the tournament. The draw for the Cup fixtures were made yesterday at the Kuwait Football Association premises. Kuwait will meet Bahrain in the opening match on Feb 20.

The head of the Gambian delegation, which took part in the Peace and Friendship Games submitted an invitation on Thursday for Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad from the Gambian youth and sports minister to visit Gambia. This came during a meeting between Sheikh Fahd and Head of Gambia's delegation, Frederick Evans. Sheikh Fahd accepted the invitation and promised to pay visit Gambia at a date to be set later.

Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad also received on Thursday, head and members of the North Yemeni delegation to the Games. The Yemeni delegation thanked Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmad for his continuous support of the Yemeni sports movement.

Turkey has invited the Kuwait national handball team to play in the first Boursa international competition. The head of the Turkish delegation, Yousef Yalgin said he handed over the invitation to Sheikh Ahmad Fahd Al Ahmad, the vice-president of the Kuwait handball federation. The championship will be held May 20-27 next year.



Sheikh Fahd (right) receives a shield from the head of the Jordanian delegation.

## Kuwait set to meet UAE

KUWAIT will take on UAE today in the final of the basketball tournament of the Peace and Friendship Games. The match will start at 7.00 pm at Al Kuwait Club. Just before the final, Jordan will play their traditional rivals Syria at 5.00 pm for the third and fourth positions.

Kuwait beat Jordan 77-72 after trailing 30-31 at half-time in the first semifinal on Wednesday. Jordan, who came with their reputation as one of the strongest basketball teams in Asia, and who just last month were runners-up to Egypt in the Arab Cup Championship, put up a disappointing show towards the end of their match against Kuwait.

The Jordanians had started the match very well and at one time were leading by a margin of

13 points. But after the exit of their star player Barakat for committing five fouls, the team seemed to have collapsed and gave Kuwait a chance to come back into the game and win.

The other semifinal also resulted in a surprise when UAE sent Syria out of the final match in a nail-biting finish. UAE led the first half 32-27 and went on to finish the game 68-67.

The Syrians had a chance to draw level just seconds before the end. One of their players was fouled while attempting to score. The ball was counted and he was awarded an additional free shot which he missed.

Kuwait may find it easier today to beat UAE than beating Jordan. But, the UAE team proved in this tournament that they are well-prepared and can

put up a tough challenge to Kuwait. Their speciality has become the three-point shots.

Their main advantage is their collective game. They do not depend upon any single player. Kuwait on the other hand, heavily depend on Nasser Boshuq and Faisal Bourseli, and these are the two who can actually tilt the balance in Kuwait's favour.

Meanwhile, Cameroon beat Bahrain 92-84 to take fifth position. Bahrain got the sixth place. The score at half time was 54-36 for Cameroon. In another match, Somalia struggled to beat Indonesia 74-70 in the dying seconds of the game. Indonesia gave a good performance and led the first half 40-37, but towards the end they lost their scoring touch and also the match.



Action shot of the Palestine-Morocco game.

Successful Turkish player was their star Sirdar who scored 9 goals. Turkey made its last bid towards the end but the match finished in Algeria's favour 22-20.


The final match will be played today at Al Arabi club at 4.30 pm. It will be preceded at 3.00 pm by a match between Turkey and Senegal for third and fourth positions. All observers favour

Kuwait to clinch the handball crown easily. The most important feature of the Kuwaiti handball team is the total understanding between the players, the strong defense and more importantly the quick shift from defense to attack or vice versa. They have many experienced players who can jump high enough to shoot from over the defensive wall.

Algeria on the other hand have good and sound defense. But they have to be cautious today, particularly of Kuwait's fast counter-attacks. They will find it difficult to find holes in Kuwait's defense wall. All these factors put aside, a very exciting match is certainly awaiting the huge crowd expected to attend the game.

In other matches played on Thursday, Palestine, who were thrashed 34-5 by Kuwait in their opening match, showed their quality and beat Morocco, a strong African team 22-21 to win fifth position. The Palestinians ended the first half in their favour 12-10. The main credit for this victory must go to the Palestinian defense particularly their goalkeeper, Nael Ghazi, who saved many certain goals. He actually won the match when he bravely made a fantastic save just few seconds from the end.

That goal would have put Morocco level and extra time may have gone Morocco's way. At the end of the match, the head of the Palestinian delegation Foad Rashid, who attended the match, presented his personal watch to Ghazi.



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